

2026 Fee Schedule Update

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Background Information

- Nearly all OC Parks fees have remained unchanged since 2011.
- County Auditor-Controller Accounting Manual recommends fees be studied and updated once annually if feasible or if not, once every three years. If study indicates no revision to the fee is required, no Board action needed.

Fee Study Goals

1

Enhance cost recovery opportunities to support the ongoing stewardship and maintenance of aging assets.

2

Preserve equitable access.

3

Update fee structure to align with current operational practices.



Process



Market Survey Neighboring Jurisdictions

California State Parks
East Bay Regional Park
District
Los Angeles County
Riverside County
San Bernardino County
San Diego County
City of Anaheim
City of Fullerton

City of Huntington Beach
City of Irvine
City of Laguna Beach
City of Laguna Niguel
City of Newport Beach
City of Orange
City of San Diego
City of Tustin

The background of the slide is a photograph of a park. In the foreground, a person is riding a bicycle on a paved path that runs along the edge of a large body of water. The water has a fountain in the center, and the sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting sunset or sunrise. The text "Proposed: General Provisions" is overlaid on the image in a large, white, sans-serif font, enclosed in a thin white rectangular border.

Proposed: General Provisions

Fee Exemptions & Reductions

Current Policy:

- County meetings/events: Exempt with OC Parks Director approval.
- Nonprofits: Exempt with OC Parks Director, CEO, and Board Supervisor approval.
- All fees may be exempt.

Proposed Policy:

- County meetings/events: Exempt.
- Government agencies: Exempt with OC Parks Director approval.
- OC Parks-supporting organizations: Exempt with OC Parks Director approval.
- Nonprofits: Reduced rates or fee waivers for public-benefit events with OC Parks Director, CEO and Board Supervisor approval.
- Nonprofit fee exemptions apply to facility reservations and permit processing.

General Provisions

General Information	Unit	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Additional Staffing			
Staff Overtime	Per staff per hour	\$ 75	Current burdened staff rate
Contracted Support	Current Contract Rates	N/A	Current contract rate

- Update staff overtime fee to the current burdened rate.
- Addition of Contractor Support Fee, consistent with other jurisdictions.
- Removal of Security Deposits. Language for compensation for any damages to facilities will be specified in facility rental agreements.

Proposed: General Fees



Motorized Vehicle Entry and Parking

Parking

- Consolidation of fees to include all park facilities except beaches, Monday - Sunday.
 - Adjust daily parking rate from \$3 or \$5 to a flat daily fee of \$5.
- Removal of holiday parking/entry rate of up to \$15.
- Addition of a Large Vehicle section to encompass, RVs, trailers, and other oversized vehicles (over 24').

Motorized Vehicle Entry and Parking	Unit	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Vehicle Entry and Parking			
Personal Vehicles			
Regional/Wilderness Parks (Monday – Sunday)	Per day	\$3 or 5	\$ 5
County Beach (Monday – Sunday)	Per hour	\$ 1	\$ 1
Vehicles with Disabled License Plates or Parking Placard			
Pay and Display or Metered Parking Spots	Per day	No Fee	No Fee
Large Vehicles			
Buses (commercial non-school)	Per day	\$ 30	\$ 50
Buses (on school business)	Per day	No Fee	No Fee
Recreational Vehicle, Campers, Trailers, or Other Oversized Vehicles	Per day	N/A	\$ 20

Motorized Vehicle Entry and Parking

Annual Pass

- Consolidation of various tiers of annual passes.
- Rates adjusted based on market survey.
- Addition of replacement fee for lost annual passes; fee consistent with neighboring jurisdictions.

Motorized Vehicle Entry and Parking	Unit	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Annual Pass			
All Facilities – Regular	Annually	\$ 80	\$ 100
All Facilities – Senior/Disabled	Annually	\$ 50	\$ 60
All Facilities – Distinguished Veteran	Annually	No Fee	No Fee
Replacement Fee	Per pass	N/A	\$ 15

Camping

Individual & Equestrian

- Restructured fees based on campsite type and included amenities.
- Rates adjusted based on market survey.

Misc

- Adjusted dump station fee based on market survey.
- Adjusted firewood fee based on contracted rates for firewood.
- Specification of cancellation fee for any cancellations between 2-6 days prior to reservation date. All fees forfeited for anything less.

Camping Fees	Unit	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Individual and Equestrian Campsites			
Standard Campsite	Per night	\$ 20	\$ 35
Equestrian Campsite	Per night	\$20 + \$3 per horse	\$ 40
Campsite with Utility Hook-up	Per night	\$20 + \$6 for hookups	\$ 50
Distinguished Veteran	One campsite per night, up to 7 per year	No Fee	No Fee
Camping Misc			
Dump Station Use by Non-Camper	Per use	\$ 6	\$ 15
Firewood	Per bundle	\$ 5	\$ 10
Cancellation Fee	Per reservation	N/A	\$ 8

Overnight Stays

Current Policy:

- Current practice allows 14 overnight stays per 30-day period (rolling window).
- No cumulative limit on overnight stays.

Proposed Policy:

- Goal is to prioritize recreational access and ensure campsites remain available to the broader public.
- Proposed policies informed by those of neighboring jurisdictions, including California State Parks and U.S. Forest Service.
- Proposed limit of 30 overnight stays per calendar year across all OC Parks campgrounds.
- Overnight stays are cumulative and apply whether stays are consecutive or non-consecutive.
- Reservations linked through common individuals, households, vehicles, payment method etc. may be treated as a single camping party.

Camping

Group Campsites

- Group campsite rates remain the same.
- Split San Juan Meadows A into two sites, with new rates based on size of site.
- Singular rate for Camp Sycamore.
- Change Organized Youth Group Rate to apply to any nonprofit.

Group Campsites	Unit	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Nonprofit Reduced Rate for Group Campsites			50% off
Caspers Wilderness Park			
San Juan Meadows A.1	Per group campsite	\$ 360	\$ 90
San Juan Meadows A.2	Per group campsite		\$ 270
San Juan Meadows B	Per group campsite	\$ 240	\$ 240
San Juan Meadows C and D	Per group campsite	\$ 300	\$ 300
Owl and Quail	Per group campsite	\$ 300	\$ 300
O'Neill Regional Park			
Hickey Creek 1	Per group campsite	\$ 240	\$ 240
Hickey Creek 2	Per group campsite	\$ 240	\$ 240
Hickey Creek 3	Per group campsite	\$ 240	\$ 240
Hickey Creek 4	Per group campsite	\$ 150	\$ 150
Sycamore Flat A	Per group campsite	\$ 120	\$ 120
Sycamore Flat B	Per group campsite	\$ 120	\$ 120
Sycamore Flat C	Per group campsite	\$ 150	\$ 150
Sycamore Flat D	Per group campsite	\$ 400	\$ 400
Mile Square Regional Park			
Camp Sycamore (Nonprofit Reduced Rate Only)	Per group campsite	\$50 - \$100 based on number of campers	\$ 100

Facility Use Fees

Group Picnic Area

- Reservable shelters are limited to the physical space under the structure itself and does not include exclusive use of other surrounding park amenities, including turf areas.
- Rates adjusted based on market survey.
- Addition of cancellation fee for any cancellations made less than 2 days before the reservation.
- Specification of nonprofit reduced rate.

Facility Use Fees	Unit	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Group Picnic Area			
Small Picnic Area (max 100 people)	Per day	\$ 100	\$ 150
Medium Picnic Area (max 200 people)	Per day	\$ 200	\$ 250
Large Picnic Area (max 300 people)	Per day	\$ 300	\$ 350
Cancellation Fee	Per reservation	N/A	\$ 20
Nonprofit Reduced Rate for Group Picnic Area			50% off

Facility Use Fees

Special Reserved Area

- Adjusted amphitheater rate based on market survey.
- Updated special reserved area fee to be calculated by sq. ft.
- Specification of nonprofit reduced rate.

Athletic Areas

- Simplified Field fees – previously separated based on type of usage and day of the week.
- Addition of Court reservation fee.
- Specification of nonprofit reduced rate.

Facility Use Fees	Unit	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Special Reserved Area			
Amphitheater	Per hour	\$ 15	\$ 90
Special Reserved Area	Sq Ft Per Hour	\$100 - \$500 based on number of people	\$ 18
Nonprofit Reduced Rate for Special Reserved Area			50% off
Athletic Area			
Ball Field	Per hour	\$40/field/half-day	\$ 25
Court	Per hour	N/A	\$ 20
Nonprofit Reduced Rate for Athletic Area			50% off

Marine Fees

No changes to Marine Fees.

Marine Fees	Unit	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Guest Slip Rental (Newport Harbor)	Per day	\$ 40	\$ 40
Guest Mooring Rental – Off-Shore (Newport Harbor)			
Winter Season [November 1 through April 30]	Per day	\$ 15	\$ 15
Summer Season [May 1 through October 31]	Per day	\$ 25	\$ 25
Guest Mooring Rental – On-Shore (Newport Harbor) Year-round	Per day	\$ 10	\$ 10
Guest Slip and Guest Mooring Length of Stay (Newport Harbor)	Policies established by OCSD		
Permanent Mooring (Newport Harbor)	Annual Fee the same as charged by the City of Newport Beach		
Mooring Inspection – County Tidelands (Newport Harbor)	Per inspection, will be adjusted by COLA annually	\$ 91	\$ 91
Impounded Vessel (vessel seized due to violation of law)			
Impounded in place	For any part of first day	\$ 150	\$ 150
Impounded in place	Per day thereafter	\$ 50	\$ 50
Towed and impounded	For any part of first day	\$ 200	\$ 200
Towed and impounded	Per day thereafter	\$ 50	\$ 50
Found Vessel (vessel adrift or brought to Harbor Patrol by non-owner)	Per day	\$ 50	\$ 50
Valuation of Impounded or Found Vessel		Market value of vessel or \$25 (whichever is greater)	Market value of vessel or \$25 (whichever is greater)

Miscellaneous

- Consolidation of various fees into include all interpretive programs/special events.
 - Fee will continue to be informed by cost of program materials and determined by OC Parks Director or designee.
- No changes to Zoo Fees or Archaeo/Paleo Accession Fee.
- Addition of Memorial Bench Fee.

Miscellaneous	Unit	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
OC Parks Staff-Organized Interpretive Programs/Special Events			
OC Parks Staff-Organized Interpretive Programs/Special Events	Not to exceed, per person	\$ 10	\$ 20
Orange County Zoo			
Age 3 and above	Per person	\$ 2	\$ 2
Under 3	Per person	No Fee	No Fee
Archaeological - Paleontological Materials			
Accession Fee	Per archival banker box or 1.3 cubic feet	\$ 2,657	\$ 2,657
Memorial Bench Program			
Memorial Bench Dedication Fee	Per bench	N/A	\$ 1,400

Proposed: Facility-Specific Reservation Fees

Facility-Specific Reservation Fees - General

- Specification of nonprofit reduced rate.
- Addition of cancellation fee for cancellations made less than 2 days before the reservation.
- Restructured fees to remove tiers based on number of attendees, type of event, or event length.
 - Minimum reservation lengths will be at the discretion of the park or facility.
- All adjusted rates are based on market survey of comparable facilities.
- Removed security deposit. Language for compensation for any damages to facilities will be specified in facility rental agreements instead.

Facility-Specific Reservation Fees	Unit	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Nonprofit Reduced Rate for Facility Specific Reservation Fees			50% off
Cancellation Fee	Per reservation	N/A	\$ 20

Facility-Specific Reservation Fees

- **Caspers Wilderness Park** – Removal of Wedding Fee.
- **Mile Square Regional Park** - Addition of fees for operationalized amenities.

Facility-Specific Reservation Fees	Unit	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Irvine Ranch Historic Park			
Grounds	Per hour	\$50 - \$200	\$ 200
George Key Ranch Historic Park			
Grounds	Per hour	\$50 - \$200	\$ 200
Heritage Hill			
Grounds	Per hour	\$31 - \$100	\$ 500
Church	Per hour	\$50 or \$100 based on number of people, must reserve Grounds and Church	\$ 130
Arbor	Per hour	N/A	\$ 180
Mile Square Regional Park			
Freedom Hall	Per hour	N/A	\$ 320
Freedom Field	Per hour	N/A	\$ 175
Archery – Commercial	Per bay per session	N/A	\$ 50
Archery – Noncommercial	Per bay per session	N/A	\$ 25
Stage and Meadow	Per hour	N/A	\$ 1,000

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Facility-Specific Reservation Fees

- **OC Sailing & Events Center**
 - Combined Cove Room with Kitchen & Patio.
 - Removal of Boat House & storage fees – transition to licenses.
- **Old Orange County Courthouse** - Removal of wedding rate for Courthouse.

Facility-Specific Reservation Fees	Unit	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
OC Sailing and Events Center			
Dana Cove Room (includes Kitchen and Patio)	Per hour	\$ 100	\$ 200
Pilot House	Per hour	\$ 40	\$ 100
Classroom	Per hour	\$ 25	\$ 100
Guest Boat Docking	Per hour	\$ 25	\$ 25
Old Orange County Courthouse			
Courtroom	Per hour	\$600/event	\$ 200
Museum Exhibit Gallery	Per hour	\$600/event	\$ 200
Jury Room	Per hour	\$200/event	\$ 100
Main Staircase/Lobby	Per hour	\$300/event	\$ 100
Exterior Grounds	Per hour	\$750/event	\$ 200

Facility-Specific Reservation Fees

- **Saddleback Gateway** -
Addition of Conference Room.
- **Salt Creek Beach**
 - Removed North Shore Special Event Area.
 - Renamed Surfing Contest Fee to be a Staging Fee for land-based event set up.

Facility-Specific Reservation Fees	Unit	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
O'Neill Regional Park			
Conference Center	Per hour	\$150/four hours	\$ 50
Equestrian Arena	Per hour	\$25/four hours	\$ 30
Saddleback Gateway			
Conference Room	Per hour	N/A	\$ 125
Salt Creek Beach			
Watersport Events and Competition Staging Fee	Per hour	\$300/day	\$ 200
Santiago Oaks			
Conference Center Only	Per hour	\$150/four hours	\$ 75
Conference Center, East Patio, Lawn, Bride's Room	Per hour	\$800 - \$1,200/event	\$ 250
Upper Newport Bay			
Interpretive Center (Patio/Lobby/Theater/Library) (After Hours)	Per hour	\$3,000/event	\$ 400
Theater (During Regular Hours)	Per hour	N/A	\$ 100
Library (During Regular Hours)	Per hour	\$ 50	\$ 75

Proposed: Permit Fees



Special Event Permits

Clarified types of permits:

- Private events with vendors and/or amplified sound or private events that exceed the capacity of the shelter need a Special Events Permit.
- Public events need a Large Public Events Permit.
- Each permit includes two vendors or use of amplified sound.
- Each activity with alcohol also requires an additional Alcoholic Beverage Service fee and hourly Alcoholic Beverage Service Security.

Permit Fees	Unit	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Special Events Permit	Per permit	\$ 75	\$ 75
Large Public Events Permit – Up to 250 participants	Per permit	\$ 400	\$ 450
Large Public Events Permit – 251 to 500 participants	Per permit	\$ 600	\$ 600
Large Public Events Permit – Over 500 participants	Per permit	Case by case basis	\$ 1,000
Permit Add-ons			
Two or fewer vendors and/or Amplified Sound	Included under initial permit	No Fee	No Fee
Each additional vendor	Per vendor	\$ 25	\$ 25
Alcoholic Beverage Service Fee	Flat fee	N/A	\$ 75
Alcoholic Beverage Service Security	Per hour	\$ 50	Current Contract Rate

Filming & Photography

- Inclusion of filming & photography fees in Fee Schedule instead of separate resolution.
- Permit fees adjusted based on market survey.
- Addition of one-day permit
- Certain groups are exempt from filming fees at the Old Orange County Courthouse specifically, in accordance with Board Resolution No. 91-770B.

Permit Fees	Unit	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Commercial Filming and Still Photography			
Reduced Rate for Nonprofit and Student Filming		No Fee	No Fee
Permit Fee – All Facilities			
Motion Picture and Television Production – Filming Day	Per day	\$ 400	\$ 450
Motion Picture and Television Production – Preparation/Strike Day	Per day	\$ 200	\$ 250
Old Orange County Courthouse – Facility Filming Usage Fee (in addition to permit fee)			
Motion Picture and Television Production – Historic Courtroom	Per day	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Motion Picture and Television Production – Museum Exhibit Room	Per day	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Motion Picture and Television Production – Main Lobby Staircase	Per day	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Motion Picture and Television Production – Exterior Grounds	Per day	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Motion Picture and Television Production – Individual Courthouse Rooms	Per day	\$ 500	\$ 500
Motion Picture and Television Production – Each Designated Area	Per day	\$ 125	\$ 125
Still Photography – Each Designated Area	Per day	\$ 150	\$ 150
Commercial Portrait Photography			
One-Day Permit	per permit	N/A	\$ 75
Annual Permit	per permit	\$ 150	\$ 500

Miscellaneous Permits

- Consolidated different types of Group Instruction permit fees into structured rate based on number of participants and changed to a daily rate.
- Addition of Sports Camps & Tournaments Permit.
- Addition of Day Camp Operator Permit.

Permit Fees	Unit	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Group Instruction (1-15 participants)	Per day per facility	\$10/hour/facility	\$ 25
Group Instruction (16 - 50 participants)	Per day per facility	\$20/hour/facility	\$ 100
School Cross-Country Meet	Per permit	\$ 100	No Fee
Sports Camps and Tournaments	Per permit	N/A	\$ 500
Day Camp Operator	Per permit	N/A	\$ 100
Other Activities Requiring Liability Insurance	Per permit	\$ 75	\$ 75

Entitlements

- All fees are based on cost recovery.
- Removed legacy fees that are no longer relevant.
- Classified permits as either Minor or Major given the complexity of the permit review necessary.
- Addition of a fee waiver provision for work on County/OC Parks property that directly benefits OC Parks.

Entitlements	Unit	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Land Use – Minor	Per permit	N/A*	640
Land Use – Major	Per permit	N/A*	\$ 2,500
Land Use – Permit Extension/Annual Permit Renewal	Per permit	N/A*	\$ 95
Fuel Modification	Per permit	N/A*	\$ 95
Beehives	Per permit	\$ 100	\$ 95

*New fees are structured differently from existing fee schedule where direct comparison is not possible.

THANK YOU