

Resolution No. 124-12

**Council Members Polensek, J. Johnson,
Mitchell, Brancatelli, Reed, Conwell.**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Urging the Administration's Department of Public Works to study and implement a fee structure for charging non-Cleveland residents for use of the City of Cleveland recreation centers, including Collinwood Recreation Center.

WHEREAS, the current practice of the Department of Public Works is an open-door policy that allows any person to use the City of Cleveland's recreation centers and facilities free of charge, even if they are not a resident of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, a prime example of this practice is at Collinwood Recreation Center, where out of 6,541 recreation users registered, 1,056 are not City of Cleveland residents; and

WHEREAS, at Collinwood Recreation Center these over 1000 attendees are mostly from the surrounding suburbs of Euclid, South Euclid, East Cleveland, and Bratenahl; and

WHEREAS, these additional suburban attendees can cause crowded conditions and difficulty for Cleveland residents to take advantage of programs and classes; and

WHEREAS, some suburban Mayors have expressed concern that Cleveland's free admission is taking away from registration at their suburban facilities or YMCAs that charge a fee for use; and

WHEREAS, establishing a fee structure to charge non-residents of Cleveland would provide a much needed revenue stream to augment programs and equipment; and

WHEREAS, in the interim, Council urges the Public Works Department to give priority registration to Cleveland residents for programs and classes; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Collinwood Recreation Center Council supports the implementation of a fee structure to charge non-Cleveland residents for their use of the Collinwood Recreation Center and all Cleveland recreation centers; and

WHEREAS, Council's Public Parks, Recreation and Properties Committee is encouraged to hold a hearing to consider this issue; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health, or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council urges the Administration's Department of Public Works to study and implement a fee structure for charging non-Cleveland residents for use of the City of Cleveland recreation centers, including Collinwood Recreation Center.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Michael Cox, Director of Public Works.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

MP:jho
1/30/12

**Directors of Public Works, Finance, Law;
Committees on Public Parks, Properties, and Recreation, Legislation,
Finance.**

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REPORT
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and referred to **Directors of Public Works, Finance, Law;**
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by the council **January 30, 2012.**

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APPROVED

MAYOR