

MEMORANDUM

TO: Claire Powell, City Manager

FROM: Stacie Anaya, Parks & Recreation Director

DATE: July 1, 2024

SUBJECT: **Consideration of a Variance to the Lewisville City Code, Section 2-201, Fee Schedule, Waiving Athletic Field Rental Fees and Temporary Event Permit Fees Associated with the Texas Firefighter Summer Games.**

BACKGROUND

The Texas Firefighter Games (TFFG), a 501(c)3 organization, has been organizing athletic events across Texas since 1983, rotating to a different city each year. Their mission is to provide competitive sports in a family-friendly atmosphere while supporting the community through various charitable organizations. Lewisville has previously hosted the games in 2000, 2005, 2010, and 2012. Firefighters from across Texas participate in head-to-head competitions in sports such as softball, soccer, basketball, darts, fishing, pickleball, and more. The week-long event attracts over 1,000 firefighters and their families to both participate and spectate.

ANALYSIS

Lewisville will be the host city for the 2024 Summer games (July 21 through 26) utilizing both City and private facilities. The event will feature a range of sports, including soccer, basketball, and sand volleyball. Texas firefighters and their families are invited to participate in the weeklong event. The City will host the soccer competition at Lake Park soccer fields, softball games at Railroad Park baseball fields and pickleball at Sun Valley Tennis Courts.

In 2023, the TFFG was held in Lubbock, drawing over 1,200 firefighters from across Texas, representing 40-50 different cities. With Lewisville being centrally located, TFFG expects over 1,500 firefighters to attend this year. Many participants and their families will travel from across the state for the event. The tournament director is coordinating with the Lewisville Convention and Visitor Bureau for accommodation arrangements. The Hilton Garden Inn will serve as the host hotel. Additional options will include Courtyard Marriott, Residence Inn, TownePlace Suites, Best Western, Hampton Inn, Home2Suites, and Homewood Suites. The Lewisville Fire Department will be active participants in this year's games.

The estimated fees for field rentals, Parks & Recreation staff support, and temporary event permits are approximately \$6,403. A full waiver of these fees is being requested. The TFFG will be required to comply with the City's liability insurance standards and adhere to the facility rental agreement.

CITY STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve the variance as set forth in the caption above.