

MEMORANDUM

TO: Claire Powell, City Manager

FROM: Stacie Anaya, Parks & Recreation Director

DATE: July 15, 2024

SUBJECT: **Consideration of a Variance to the Lewisville City Code, Section 2-201, Fee Schedule, Regarding a Waiver of Athletic Field Rental Fees and Temporary Event Permit Fees Associated with the Battle of the Badge Charity Softball Tournament.**

BACKGROUND

For the past 20 years, the Lewisville Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (LCPAAA) has hosted the Battle of the Badge Charity Softball Tournament. The event begins with a head-to-head game between Lewisville Police and Lewisville Fire Departments followed by a tournament of games between police and fire departments from all over North Texas. This one-day tournament draws hundreds of fans in attendance to support their favorite teams.

The Lewisville Police and Fire Departments, and other local fire and police departments compete in the tournament to raise money for a 501(c)3 charity of the winner's choice and LCPAAA. The winning teams will choose their favorite 501(c)3 charity to donate the proceeds to after the tournament. The first-place team will receive a \$750 donation while the second-place team will receive a \$500 donation.

LCPAAA is a 501(c)3 organization of dedicated volunteers to support the Lewisville Police Department through fundraising activities. They use its funds in a variety of ways, such as: providing free child identification cards at events, donations to police officers for memorial bike rides, donations to the North Texas Child Advocacy Center, and donations of food and equipment to the Police Department.

ANALYSIS

The 21st annual Battle of the Badge Charity Softball Tournament will take place on October 12, 2024, at Railroad Park with a rain out date of October 19, 2024. No entrance fee for spectators will be charged at the event. The event will also feature an array of family activities such as crafts, face painting, a free Zumba class and more. Hot dogs and other refreshments will be available for purchase.

The estimated rental fees for the fields, associated Parks & Recreation staff support, and temporary event permit are approximately \$1,570. A waiver for 100% of the fees is requested. In previous years, the City Council has approved the waiver of all fees associated with the tournament. The sponsoring parties will be required to meet the City's standard liability insurance requirements.

CITY'S STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

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