



DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

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TO: All Planning Staff
Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: **PARK FEES UPDATE – NEW ORDINANCE**

On September 7, 2016, the City Council approved the Parks Dedication and Fee Update ordinance (aka Quimby), Ordinance No. 184,505. The ordinance will take effect on January 11, 2017. The ordinance applies to all new residential dwelling units and joint living and work quarters, except affordable housing units and second dwelling units in single-family zones.

The ordinance implements new Park fees as follows:

1. Increases Park fees as of January 11, 2017.

- Subdivisions: \$7,500 per dwelling unit
- Non-subdivisions: \$2,500 per dwelling unit

2. Increases Park fees as of January 11, 2018.

- Subdivisions: \$10,000 per dwelling unit
- Non-subdivisions: \$5,000 per dwelling unit

3. Expands radii of dedicated park land dedication/fee expenditure from project.

The radius for the neighborhood park type is two miles; the radius for community park type is five miles; the radius for regional park types (previously undefined) is ten miles from the project sites.

4. Residential subdivision projects over 50 dwelling units.

- Applicants of projects over 50 dwelling units shall participate in an early consultation with the Department of City Planning and the Department of Recreation and Parks to discuss the dedication of park land.
- If an applicant does not dedicate adequate park land then payment of a park fee is required.

5. All other residential projects.

- Payment of a park fee is required.
- Dedication of park land or park improvements may be made in lieu of a park fee.

6. Payment of park fees.

Applicants with projects requiring an entitlement from the Planning Department shall be subject to the park fee in effect on the date the complete project entitlement application was filed and paid. Applicants with projects requiring only a building permit from the Department of Building and Safety shall be subject to the park fee in effect on the date the project plans are filed and paid.

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