

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation

AGENDA DATE: August 17, 2021 (First Reading)

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: August 31, 2021

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Ben Fyffe, 915.212.1766

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 4 - Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural and Educational Environments

SUBGOAL: 4.2 Create innovative recreational, educational, and cultural programs

SUBJECT:

Approve an Ordinance Amending Title 13 (Streets, Sidewalks & Public Places), Chapter 13.24 (City Parks & Recreation Areas), 13.24.070 (Dangerous Amusements), to allow a person to carry a handgun who is not otherwise prohibited by law from carrying a handgun.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Ordinance is required to bring City of El Paso into compliance with State of Texas HB1927, going into effect September 1, 2021. New law does not allow City to prohibit anyone 21 years or older from carrying handguns at municipal parks, unless they are prohibited by Federal or State law (e.g., convicted felons, or those with an assault/family violence conviction).

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

No City funds used.

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



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