

Portland Parks & Recreation has prepared a draft 2015 methodology for the City's Parks and Recreation System Development Charges (SDCs) Program. Systems Development Charges are one tool to ensuring that our quality of life is able to keep pace with our growing and changing city. Parks System Development Charges are one-time fees assessed on new development to cover a portion of the costs of providing the additional parks and recreation facilities needed to respond to population growth and new development. The City of Portland adopted SDCs for parks in 1998, and last updated the Parks SDC methodology in 2008.

City parks facilities are important infrastructure benefiting City residents, businesses, employees and visitors. Currently, Portland's Parks SDCs apply only to residential development. The draft 2015 methodology updates the City's Park SDCs to accommodate the needs for parks and recreation facilities generated by growth of new residential and non-residential development, and documents the calculation of the Parks SDC rates. The draft 2015 methodology uses a new level of service metric, investment per person, bases the amount of the SDC on the size of residential housing, and calculates Parks SDC rates designed to recover approximately 88.6% of the maximum that could be adopted by the City.

ORS 223.304(7)(a) requires that the draft methodology be available for public review at least 60 days prior to the first public hearing. The draft was published and made available to the public on February 12, 2015. A public hearing before the Portland City Council is scheduled for April 15, 2015 at 2:00PM at Portland City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Avenue, Portland, OR 97204. The Portland City Council may not consider Parks SDC rates that are higher than those included in the draft 2015 methodology. City Council may determine it appropriate to approve a rate lower than proposed in the draft.

Copies of the draft 2015 methodology are available for review at the City of Portland Development Services Center, 1900 SW 4th Avenue, on the First Floor or at the City of Portland Parks Services Center, 1120 SW Fifth Avenue, on the First Floor. An electronic version will also be available for downloading from www.portlandparks.org. You may request an electronic copy (in Adobe Acrobat format) be sent to you by email, free of charge. Paper copies are also available and may be mailed to you at a cost of \$10.00. Please contact Maija Spencer at (503) 823-5105 or by e-mail at Maija.Spencer@portlandoregon.gov for additional information.