



**CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA
REPORT TO THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMISSION**

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Revised Entertainment Feature Policy (Previously Titled Party Inflatables Policy)

1. Motion to approve the revised Entertainment Feature Policy (previously titled Party Inflatables Policy).

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE ACTION

Item Type: Report Only

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ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Commission adopt a motion approving the revised Entertainment Feature Policy (previously titled Party Inflatables Policy).

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Community Services & Parks Department (CSP) offers residents and non-residents rental opportunities in many of the City of Glendale parks for picnics, birthday parties, corporate events, community events, and more. Many renters wish to bring inflatables and entertainment equipment to their event for entertainment purposes. Entertainment Features may include bounce houses, slides, obstacle courses, games, mechanical rides, climbing wall, dunk tanks, and racetracks. Under the revised policy, some of these will be allowed at any picnic reservation, while others will only be permitted for special events and with approval from the Director of Community Services & Parks (Director).

In September 2005, the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission (Parks Commission) approved a Moonbounce Policy, which was revised and replaced with the Party Inflatables Policy in April 2017, also approved by the Parks Commission. Staff has been implementing the policy since then and evaluating it over the years based on experience and public feedback.

The existing policy, approved in 2017, is more conservative and restrictive due to safety and maintenance concerns. Staff has noticed an increase in requests from private entities hosting special events to use entertainment equipment that is prohibited by the existing policy. Staff believes that special events, which occur less frequently and generally offer more comprehensive insurance coverage, differ from smaller private events like birthday parties. As a result, the City could afford to be more flexible in allowing certain types of entertainment features for special events, while maintaining stricter guidelines for other events.

The proposed revised policy, attached as Exhibit 1 for Parks Commission review and approval, highlights the proposed changes, using track changes to clearly show the revisions in comparison to the current policy. The revised policy clearly defines the difference between entertainment features allowed with picnic reservations versus special events, identifies which type of entertainment features are allowed by permit, which are prohibited, and which will be allowed only for special events with Director approval. It also identifies the maximum number of equipment that will be allowed at each location, with exceptions for special events.

FISCAL IMPACT

The revision of the policy will not have an immediate fiscal impact, but there may be future costs related to increased maintenance, particularly if the use of previously prohibited equipment leads to potential turf damage.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1: Do not approve the revised policy and keep the policy as is.

Alternative 2: Approve further revisions to the policy to add or remove equipment that may be allowed, prohibited, or excluded from the policy.

Alternate 3: Any other alternative not mentioned.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Revised Entertainment Feature Policy (with track changes)

Exhibit 2 – Proposed Revised Entertainment Feature Policy (clean version)