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To: Board of Directors

From: Tiffany Cribbs, Director of Community Services

RE: Rule Approval: New Rule CF.2.9 Cooking Devices/Court Surfaces

Background

At the May 2026 Board Meeting, the Board approved at 28 Day Reading to add a new rule to the Courts & Fields section of the rules prohibiting the use of cooking devices on court surfaces. During the open session meeting, questions were raised regarding the impacts cooking activities may have on court surfaces, and the Board requested photographic examples for additional context. The photos below document examples of grease residue and staining left on court surfaces following cooking activities. To remove, staff must pressure wash and scrub the affected court areas. Staff additionally consulted with the contractor who installs and resurfaces the courts, who advised that grease and cooking residue can impact the textured surface designed to help reduce slips and falls, potentially creating long-term maintenance, safety, and liability concerns.



While recent incidents primarily involved basketball courts, the proposed rule is intended to apply consistently across all court surfaces to help preserve the condition, appearance, safety, and usability of Canyon Lake POA recreational facilities. Preventing these activities also helps reduce avoidable maintenance and repair costs associated with misuse of the courts.

The proposed rule includes a \$100.00 fine per violation, in addition to the cost of any necessary repairs resulting from damage caused using cooking devices on court surfaces.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed rule includes a \$100.00 fine for violations. Any revenue generated from this fine would be incidental, as the primary purpose of the rule is to prevent damage to court surfaces and reduce maintenance costs associated with misuse of these facilities.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the addition of new the new Courts & Fields Section 2.9 rule to prohibit the use of cooking devices on court surfaces, as outlined below.

Tiffany Cribbs

Director of Community Services

PROPOSED NEW RULE:

CF.2.9 – Cooking Devices / Court Surfaces

The use of cooking devices, barbeques, or grills is prohibited on all court surfaces. Propane grills are permitted only in designated areas and must comply with all applicable safety requirements. Charcoal fires are allowed only in designated barbeques.

Fine: \$100, plus cost of repairs