

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS ADOPTING FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR MANAGED ACCESS TO RIO VISTA PARK, FROM MEMORIAL DAY THROUGH LABOR DAY, INCLUDING WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS, WITH EXEMPTIONS FROM SUCH FEES FOR RESIDENTS AND THOSE WHO RESIDE WITHIN THE SAN MARCOS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARY; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS:

1. Pursuant to applicable provisions of State law and City ordinances, the City Council may establish fees to be charged for use of park and recreational facilities.
2. City Council of the City of San Marcos, Texas has determined that there is a need to recover costs to the City associated with the ongoing operation and maintenance of our riverfront parks during peak summer visitation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby adopts the fees to be charged for managed access to the riverfront park of Rio Vista as set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and included in the approved fee schedule of the city.

SECTION 2. Any such fees provided for under Section 1 will be waived for any resident and those who reside within the San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District Boundary with valid resident river pass issued by the city or a valid proof of address document. Both residents and those who reside within the San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District Boundary shall be classified as residents for purposes of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. The resident shall register with the City and provide proof of address verifiable through one of the following:

- (1) Valid driver's license.
- (2) Current San Marcos Utilities statement with photo identification.
- (3) Other current utility statement with photo identification.
- (4) Rental or Housing contract with photo identification.
- (5) Enhanced Library Card provided by the San Marcos Public Library.
- (6) Current paid parking permit.

SECTION 4. All fees shall be retained and expended to support the on-going costs associated with the operation and maintenance within Rio Vista during times that managed access is operational.

SECTION 5. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions of this ordinance will continue in force if they can be given effect without the invalid portion.

SECTION 6. All ordinances and resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with this ordinance are repealed. To the extent the provisions of any ordinance provide for establishment of a fee or fees by resolution of the City Council, such provisions are superseded by this ordinance and the fees as adopted in this ordinance shall govern.

SECTION 7. After its passage, approval and adoption on second reading, this ordinance shall be effective on May 1, 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading on March 31, 2026

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on second reading on April 7, 2026.

Jane Hughson
Mayor

Attest:

Approved:

Elizabeth Trevino
City Clerk

Samuel J. Aguirre
City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

MANAGED ACCESS FEE		
	Fee Amount	Unit of Measure
Resident (Includes persons residing within SMCISD)	Free	Per Day
Non-Resident (under 17)	Free	Per Day
Non-Resident (18 and up)	\$5	Per Day