

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JEFF TIBBETTS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF RECREATION
RECREATION AND PARKS
SUBJECT: LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH PECOS LEAGUE OF
PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL CLUBS, LLC TO USE DOYLE PARK
BASEBALL FIELD

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Recreation Division that the Council, by resolution, approve and authorize the City Manager or designee to negotiate, execute and administer, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, a License Agreement with Pecos League of Professional Baseball Clubs, LLC for the use of the Doyle Park Baseball Field for professional independent league baseball.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The baseball field at Doyle Community Park is for the use and benefit of the public; however, the City, through its Recreation Division, has determined that there are certain days and hours which may be made available for organizations to rent the facilities for designated use. Pecos League of Professional Baseball Clubs, LLC (Pecos League) requests designated use of the facilities for a professional baseball team to be named the Santa Rosa Scuba Divers for baseball trainings and league games. The City desires to make the facility available to Pecos League on a license basis for the purpose of providing the program.

If authorized by Council, the City Manager or designee will negotiate, execute and administer a License Agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, that would allow the Pecos League certain non-exclusive use of Doyle Park Baseball field. The field use schedule by Pecos League will be negotiated annually as part of the Recreation Division field allocation process.

BACKGROUND

The Pecos League is an Independent Professional League that plays a 48 game regular season. The 2022 season will be the 12th year of competition for the Pecos League. The Pecos League started as a regional league with all of the teams in New Mexico and

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West Texas and has grown into the largest independent league in the United States. Since 2017 the Pecos League has had 14 teams in 6 states and three time zones. The Pecos League is the only independent league in California.

Pecos League requested the use of the Doyle Park Baseball field because Santa Rosa and Sonoma County have a huge baseball history and deserves the highest level of baseball it can host.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Not applicable.

ANALYSIS

Use of the Doyle Park Baseball field for games and practices of the Pecos League will have minimal impact on availability of the field for public and league use, promote positive recreational and entertainment activity at Doyle Park and generate revenue.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action will be revenue generating. The minimal cost to upgrade Doyle Park Baseball field for use by the Pecos League will be offset by the field rental fees. Pecos League has agreed to pay \$6,825 for the season. The fencing upgrade to support the league will cost \$5,796, leaving a net revenue of \$1,029.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not Applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution / Exhibit A - *DRAFT* License Agreement with Pecos League of Professional Baseball Clubs, LLC