
SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement with the Salt Lake City School District for the use of the City’s aquatic facilities for school related athletic activities

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Resolution	The proposed Interlocal Agreement with the Salt Lake City School District allows the District to use the City’s aquatic facilities at the Steiner East and West complexes. This agreement does not require funding nor will it result in budget impacts.	This resolution authorizes the Mayor to approve the interlocal agreement on behalf of the City.	The Interlocal Agreement specifies that the Salt Lake City School District will have new priority use and scheduling/fee structures relating to the use of the City’s aquatic facilities.

The Salt Lake City School District participated in the construction of the Steiner Aquatic Center located at the Salt Lake City Sports Complex on Guardsman Way by contributing \$857,172 toward the cost. In return for the School District’s financial contribution to the project, the School District is entitled to priority use for two hours per school day for the useful life of the facility at a reduced rate of 50% of the standard fee. The proposed agreement expands the priority use to include an additional two hours per school day at the Sorenson Multi-Purpose Cultural Center (Steiner West) and increases the fee charged to the school district for use of both facilities to 68% of the standard fee. The Administration is recommending that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Salt Lake City and the Salt Lake City School District.

KEY ELEMENTS:

- The proposed agreement is for a 10-year period. The City and School District have continued to operate under the same terms of the 1990 interlocal agreement that expired in fiscal year 2000. This new agreement will remain in effect through June 30, 2012.
- The agreement provides for increased School District use of the City’s swimming facilities. The School District currently schedules the two hours at Steiner East during the early afternoon of each school day, which is a time under used by the general public. The District generally uses about half of the swimming lanes thereby leaving the remaining lanes available for other groups or the general public. School District use of Steiner West will allow for greater use of this swimming facility and provide a closer location for students located in the west section of the City. The proposed agreement provides that the School District can request some priority use on Saturdays “as jointly agreed by the parties.”

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- The proposed interlocal agreement provides for a higher fee to be paid by the School District. Under the terms of the 1990 agreement, the district paid a per lane fee of 50% of the standard rate charged to other institutions, swim clubs or groups. The proposed interlocal agreement specifies that the school district will pay \$8.50 per lane per hour, which is 68% of the current standard lane fee. If the School District requests additional hours and the managers of the swimming facilities are able to accommodate the request, the fee for any additional hours will be \$9.50 per lane, which is 76% of the current standard lane fees charged to other groups.
- Salt Lake County is the City's agent/manager of the City's recreation facilities. A separate operating agreement establishes the duties and responsibilities of the County and City with regard to the City's recreation facilities. Salt Lake County participated in the negotiations of the proposed agreement. The increased fees and additional use by the School District will help the County to cover more of the operating costs of the swimming facilities than they are currently covering during the School District's reserved time. The proposed interlocal agreement will not require funding, nor will it result in an increase or decrease of revenue to the City.

Specific details relating to the proposed school district use of the City's aquatic facilities are included in the transmittal from the Administration.

The School District contributed construction funds to the Steiner East facility, but did not contribute to the construction of the Steiner West facility. Salt Lake City occasionally rents Salt Lake City School District facilities and pays the regular rental fees. Salt Lake City has not contributed to the construction of any of the school facilities, but does participate in funding school resource officer and crossing guard programs. School Board Members have periodically mentioned the possibility of working with the City to provide reduced rental rates for after school or other programs sponsored by the City. The Council may wish to inquire about this possibility.

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