

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA CHANGING THE USE OF A PORTION OF AN EXISTING PARK FACILITY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF N. SAFFORD AVENUE AND LIVE OAK STREET (802 N. SAFFORD AVE) FROM GREENSPACE TO PICKLE BALL COURTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8 OF CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, In accordance with Article II, Section 8 of the City Charter, the Board of Commissioners is vested with the responsibility to preserve and maintain all City-owned park, recreation, and waterfront property; and

WHEREAS, The City wishes to re-designate approximately 10,500 square foot of greenspace area in an existing park facility (Exercise Park) located at the southeast corner of North Safford Avenue and Live Oak Street (802 N. Safford Ave) to accommodate up to 4 pickle ball courts; and

WHEREAS, Section 8, Paragraph I of the City Charter requires an affirmative vote of 4 members of the Board of Commissioners, after three public meetings; and

WHEREAS, It has been demonstrated that the site as shown in Attachment A is a desirable location due to minimal site work requirements, access to existing adequate parking, direct access to the Pinellas Trail, minimal impact upon residential areas, and proximity to the Downtown and Sponge Docks; and

WHEREAS, a Business Impact Estimate (Attachment B) has been performed and is available on the City's website; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is not regulatory in nature, and there is no anticipated economic impact on City Business as a result of the proposed ordinance change; and

WHEREAS, Public meetings were held during three regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Commissioners on September 19, 2023, October 3, 2023, and October 17, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the above findings are true and correct and are incorporated as set forth herein.

SECTION 2. The area identified in Attachment A to this ordinance is hereby approved for the use of pickle ball courts and associated accessory uses (bike racks, fencing, etc.).

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon final passage at a third reading, subject to the following condition:

1. A site plan demonstrating court layout, landscaping, and accessory amenities must be presented to the Board of Commissioners for review and approval.

Exercise Park





Date: September 27, 2023
To: Mark LeCouris, City Manager
From: Karen Lemmons, Economic Development Manager

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Business Impact Estimate

The State Legislature in 2023 passed CS/SB 170 which requires counties and cities to produce a “business impact estimate” prior to passing an ordinance, with exceptions. The estimate must be published on the local government’s website and include certain information, such as the proposed ordinance’s purpose, estimated economic impact on businesses, and compliance costs. The bill specifies that this requirement is not to be construed to require a county or city to procure an accountant or other financial consultant in preparing the estimate.

Summary of Proposed Ordinance and Public Purpose.

An Ordinance of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida changing the use of a portion of an existing park facility located at the southeast corner of N. Safford Avenue and Live Oak Street (802 N. Safford Ave.) from greenspace to pickleball courts in accordance with Section 8 of Charter of the City of Tarpon Springs; and providing for the effective date of this ordinance. The Ordinance serves a public purpose by providing municipal pickleball courts to the public.

Estimate of the Direct Economic Impact of the Proposed Ordinance on Private For-Profit Businesses in the City.

No privately-owned pickleball courts currently operate in the City so there is no direct competition which would negatively impact businesses. The economic impact of the proposed ordinance should be positive as players may opt to dine and/or visit local shops prior to or following play. Players unfamiliar with the City may choose to return for shopping, dining, or visiting tourist attractions. Players may purchase clothing and equipment at local stores. The City Recreation Department currently manages three indoor pickleball courts which attract 80 players a week. Assuming four outdoor pickleball courts are constructed, the City can reasonably expect 106 players per week, and this could increase if tournaments were held. Day visitors to the City spend \$107.38 per party per day on restaurant, retail, and other spending, according to a 2016 Economic Impact Study. Based on these figures, the project could have a positive economic impact of \$11,382 per week to for-profit businesses.

There are no direct compliance costs for businesses. There are no charges or fees. There are no identified regulatory costs.

Good Faith Estimate of Number of Businesses Likely Impacted.

The project location is at the gateway to the Sponge Docks, the City’s primary tourist destination, and less than 1 mile from Downtown. There are approximately 150 businesses located around the Sponge Docks and Downtown areas, including boutiques, gift shops, restaurants, breweries, cafes, and tourist and entertainment attractions, all within walking distance of the project location. It is reasonable that players could visit any of these businesses, therefore the City estimates that up to 150 businesses are likely to be positively impacted.