



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Kyle Warsinski, Economic Development Manager
DATE: February 6, 2024
SUBJECT: Grease Trap Incentive Program Request by Beaumont Cherry Valley Recreation and Parks District (BCVRPD) for the Noble Creek Park Snack Bar

Description A request to allow the Noble Creek Park snack bar to participate in the Grease Trap Incentive Program.

Background and Analysis:

On December 6, 2022, City Council approved the establishment of the Downtown Incentive Program which was launched in 2023. The program included the following incentives:

- Downtown Façade Improvement Program or Business Improvement Program
- Business Attraction and Expansion Program
- Pre-Application Fee Waiver
- Building Investigation Fee Waiver
- Sewer Connection Fee Deferral and Grease Trap Program

On September 1, 2021, the City received a new Statewide Waste Discharge Requirements Order for sanitary sewer systems. One of the requirements of this order was to require certain existing restaurants to install new facilities, a grease trap or grease interceptor. The Grease Trap/Interceptor Incentive Program was developed to support the few restaurants, located in the downtown, which were open and in operation as of that date. Discharge compliance from all restaurants and other industrial users within the city is necessary for the City's adherence to the state order, which results in groundwater quality preservation, reduced spills and lower environmental impacts.

Staff received an application for the grease trap incentive program for the property located at 390 Oak Valley Parkway. This location is Noble Creek Park, which is owned and operated by the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District (BCVRPD). A snack bar exists at Noble Creek Park which provides food and drinks to patrons. It has been determined the snack bar requires a grease trap to gain compliance with the City's waste discharge requirements.

The grease trap program was approved by City Council along with other downtown business incentive programs to retain and encourage expansion of restaurants within the downtown area to stimulate private investment, support customer patronage, and provide dining opportunities for residents. As the programs were designed to support investment in the downtown area, the programs were established with a boundary map depicting which properties were eligible for the incentive programs (Attachment A).

Noble Creek Park is not within the downtown area boundary, but the snack bar does support residents and visitors from the region with dining options while at the park. In addition, discharge compliance is of great importance to the City for maintaining permit compliance, to reduce sewer system maintenance costs and optimize treatment processes at the wastewater treatment plant. Allowing BCVRPD participation in this program for installation of a grease trap at this location would serve a public benefit.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact related to this determination. If deemed eligible, the BCVRPD will complete their application process and a funding agreement will be presented to City Council for action.

The cost to prepare this report is approximately \$100.

Recommended Action:

Allow Beaumont Cherry Valley Recreation and Parks District to participate in the Grease Trap Incentive Program for installation of the required, eligible equipment in the snack bar at Noble Creek Park.

Attachments:

- A. Downtown Business Incentive Program Boundary Map
- B. Application
- C. Levine Act Statement