Date: November 20, 2015

To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

From: John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture

Subject: **2016 Park Fee Increases – ACTION**

**POLICY**

The 2016 Adopted Budget, through amendment 1A045, requires the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC) to seek approval of any increase to fees.

**BACKGROUND**

The 2016 Adopted Budget requires that DPRC fees remain at 2015 levels, with discretion given to the Parks Director to reduce fees, and requires the DPRC to seek approval for any fee increases for 2016. The DPRC reviews and adjusts fees annually based primarily on market analysis and consistency as well as new opportunities for patrons. Accompanying this report is a chart reflecting the fee increases that were submitted as part of the budget process.

**Recommendation**

The Parks Director recommends that the DPRC be authorized to execute fee increases for 2016 as submitted in its requested budget.

Prepared by: Laura Schloesser, Chief of Administration and External Affairs

**Recommended by: Approved by:**

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Attachment: Fee Table

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