

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM

AMENDING CHAPTER 28 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KILLEEN EXEMPTING DISABLED VETERANS AND CERTAIN MILITARY AWARD RECIPIENTS FROM PARKING FEES AT THE KILLEEN-FORT HOOD REGIONAL AIRPORT

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

Aviation

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

From the opening of Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport, the vendor operating the pay parking lot at the Airport as an agent for the City of Killeen has provided an exemption of normal parking fees for disabled veterans and certain military award recipients in the categories which are specified in Section 681.008(b) and 681.008(b)(1) of the Texas Transportation Code. The exemption applies only to vehicles being operated by or for the transportation of a disabled veteran or military award recipient covered by the statute.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

A recent review of procedures used to verify the eligibility of persons who are exempted from parking fees at the Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport has determined that this subsection of the Transportation Code applies only to parking spaces for which a fee is collected by a parking meter. However, Section 681.008(d) provides that a local governmental unit may provide by ordinance or order that the exemption also apply to fees imposed by the governmental unit for parking in a pay parking lot. The proposed amendment to Chapter 28 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Killeen officially codifies the current practice of providing these exemptions and establishes a requirement for the individual claiming the exemption to provide proof of identification and either vehicle registration or insurance to confirm that the vehicle and individual is eligible for the exemption from the parking fee.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend adoption of the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Killeen, adopting the provisions of Section 681.008(b) of the Transportation Code and providing an exemption from parking fees at the Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport for certain veterans and military award recipients.