

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF RENTAL FEES FOR RIVERVIEW PARK, THURSDAY THRU SUNDAY, MAY 29-JUNE 1ST FOR THE USA WAKE BOARD NATIONALS TOURNAMENT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

By: Councilman Jeff Everson

WHEREAS, USA Wakeboard is heading to the 2014 Alternate Games Collegiate Nationals. The event was in Shreveport last year and in Oklahoma City and San Diego the two years prior to that and will be televised on Fox Sports. The final event of a six event season is set for May 29-June 1. Spectators can watch the nation's top riders from Riverview Park on the Shreveport side or from the Louisiana Boardwalk on the Bossier side. Admission to the wakeboard nationals is free; and

WHEREAS, the USA Wakeboard is requesting that the City of Shreveport waive fees for Riverview Park Thursday thru Sunday. This request totals \$6,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this event is an exciting fast-paced water-sport, which involves riding a wakeboard over the surface of a body of water at a high speed while executing stunts without falling. The finals are set to compete with 16 teams, each with seven riders per team for a total of 112 riders working their way through seven different heats. The universities include Central Florida, Miami University, Florida State University, Oklahoma State University, University of Louisiana at Monroe, University of Wisconsin, Louisiana Tech University, Texas Tech University, San Diego State, Arizona State as well as individual athletes from several universities; and

WHEREAS, the local hotels will serve as hosts for the athletes and will have approximately 50 rooms for three nights for the participants for a total of 150 room nights. Additional room nights will be booked by friends and spectators; and

WHEREAS, the total direct economic Impact for USA Wakeboard Nationals is estimated at \$433,600, as follows:

- 1) \$33,600 -112 athletes spending \$100 average a day for three days
- 2) \$300,000 -1,500 friends and families spending \$100 average a day for two days is (some fans will not come for entire event-thus deduction of one day)
- 3) \$100,000 – 1 1/2 hours of Event Coverage on Fox Sports Media Value

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the fees for the use of Riverview Park, by USA Wakeboard, on May 29 – June 1, 2014, are waived and the

provisions of Section 15 of the City Council Rules of Procedures are suspended relative to this event only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provision, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision, items or applications and to this and the provisions of the resolution are declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office