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Town of Estancia Resolution 2020-22

A Resolution to Request Fishing at Arthur Park in the Town of Estancia for Visitors and Residents of All Ages with a Fishing License

WHEREAS, For over 100 Years, people have come to take a rest in the "Heart of New Mexico"- the Town of Estancia: and

WHEREAS, The Crown Jewel of Estancia is its beautiful Arthur Park which contains a clean, fully stocked pond; and

WHEREAS, Travelers and residents alike love to take a rest at the park and fish for trout, catfish and other seasonally stocked fish; and

WHEREAS, Anglers of all ages should be allowed to enjoy the activity of fishing; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Per New Mexico Game and Fish Licenses, the Estancia Pond is only open to anglers 11 years of age or younger, 65 or older or anglers/individuals with disabilities (Handicap Fishing License); and

WHEREAS, the Residents of the Town of Estancia fully support amending the current NM Game and Fish regulations for anglers at the pond in Estancia to mirror New Mexico's current licenses and permit regulations:

- Licenses not required for resident and nonresident anglers 11 years of age or younger.
- Junior Fishing Licenses are available to resident and nonresident anglers 12–17 years of age.
- Senior Fishing Licenses are available to New Mexico resident anglers 65-69 years of age.

- Free Licenses for New Mexico residents 70 years and older are available online, by phone and at license vendors and all NMDGF offices. Free fishing licenses are not available to nonresidents. Free licenses for 100%-disabled veterans are available by application through the NMDGF Headquarters in Santa Fe, NM. These free fishing licenses do not require a Habitat Stamp, Habitat Management & Access Validation or a Second Rod Validation.
- Handicapped Fishing Licenses are available to New Mexico residents with a permanent disability in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Applicants must have one or more disabilities that substantially limit major life activities. Handicapped fishing licenses require a Habitat Stamp, if applicable, and Habitat Management & Access Validation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF ESTANCIA, BY THIS RESOLUTION THAT WE, THE ELECTED OFFICIALS, DO HEREBY REQUEST OF THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH AMEND THE FISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE POND IN ARTHUR PARK TO MIRROR THE FISHING REGULATIONS FOR OTHER LAKES AND PONDS IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED, this 7th day of July 2020 at a Regular Board of Trustees Meeting.

Nathan Dial, Mayor

Michelle Jones, Clerk/Treasurer