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COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST

TO: Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk
FROM: Councilwoman Melissa Cabello Havrda, District 6
COPIES: Erik Walsh, City Manager; Andy Segovia, City Attorney
SUBJECT: Reduced Fees for Garage and Yard Sales for Seniors and Veterans
DATE: Thursday, January 30, 2025

Issue for Proposed Consideration

After coordinating this Council Consideration Request (CCR) with the City Manager, I respectfully request your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

Requesting consideration of reduced permitting fees for garage and yard sales for seniors and veterans in the City of San Antonio.

Brief Background

Garage and yard sales provide residents an opportunity to declutter, earn additional income, and foster community connections. Currently, San Antonio requires a permit for these sales, with a nominal fee of \$16 for residential properties. However, even small fees can be a financial burden for seniors and veterans living on fixed incomes.

Recognizing the service and contributions of these groups, this policy proposal seeks to ease financial strain and encourage broader participation in community activities. The program aims to reduce permitting fees by 50% for eligible seniors (aged 65 and older) and veterans with proof of service.

This initiative aligns with the City of San Antonio's commitment to equity, inclusivity, and support for vulnerable populations while promoting community engagement.

Request

I request City Council approval to direct the City Manager to:

1. Implement a reduced fee program for garage and yard sale permits for seniors aged 55 and older and veterans.
 - o Eligibility will require proof of age or veteran status (e.g., government-issued ID, DD-214, veteran ID).
 - o The reduced fee will be set at \$8, representing a 50% reduction from the current \$16 fee.
 - o Permits would be limited to two per-quarter.
2. Direct the Development Services Department (DSD) to update the permit application process to include a checkbox for eligibility and document upload functionality.
3. Launch a public outreach campaign to raise awareness about the program, targeting senior centers, veterans' organizations, and community groups.
4. Evaluate the program's impact after one year and present findings and recommendations to the City Council.

Submitted for Council consideration by: _____

Melissa Cabello Havrda, Councilwoman, District 6

Supporting Councilmembers' Signatures (exactly 4)

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