

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

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	Date Rule Takes Effect: <u>Upon Promulgation</u>

SUMMARY
(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 961 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to increase costs for the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (CRT), Office of State Parks (OSP). Implementation will be absorbed within existing resources and staff. There is no anticipated impact on local governmental unit costs.

The proposed rule change updates and clarifies existing rules by amending language to provide for several technical changes. Substantive revisions are as follows:

- (1) Revises the cost of an annual day-use permit from \$80 to \$100 per year
- (2) Adds language instructing the annual day-use permit holder on what actions to take if their permit needs to be replaced and that a \$10 fee will be charged for a replacement permit
- (3) Revises the maximum campsite fee not to exceed \$75 per night and the group camp rental fee not to exceed \$2,500 per night; increases the new overnight rate from \$225 to \$250; and removes summer weekday, winter weekend, and winter weekday campsite rental rates and revises the summer weekend campsite rental rate to the standard "Overnight Rate" for all visitors
- (4) Removes the standard weekday cabin rental rate and revises the standard weekend cabin rental rate to the "Overnight Rate" for all visitors
- (5) Removes the provision that the "rental fee for all cabins at Hodges Gardens S.P. and modular cabins at Sam Houston Jones S.P. will be the standard weekday rate year-round."
- (6) Removes the standard weekday lodge rental rate, the standard lodge classification rental rates, revises the standard weekend lodge rental rate to the "Overnight Rate" for all visitors, and revises the new Overnight Rate from \$225 to \$250
- (7) Removes the Class I, II, and III classification, maximum capacity, and overnight rate schedule for group camps and replaces it with a new site-specific group camp overnight rate schedule with site-specific group camp sleeping capacity limitations
- (8) Adds language requiring that group camp reservation guests be charged a one-time fee of \$5 in addition to paying the new site-specific group camp overnight rates
- (9) Adds language authorizing the assistant secretary to set overnight rates for all campsites, camping areas, cabins, lodges, group camps, and dormitory facilities at his/her discretion and lists factors to be considered in pricing the overnight rates
- (10) Adds language implementing a one-night charge at the reserved facility's rate if a guest is a no-show for a reservation, but allows the assistant secretary or their designee to grant an exception to that charge in writing.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change anticipates an overall increase in revenue collections for CRT, estimated to

total \$1.7 M in FY 26 and \$2.1 M in FY 27, due to the standardization and consolidation of campsite, cabin, and lodge rates, as well as the following proposed rate changes: the addition of a group camp attendee fee and an increase in group camp overnight rates; a restructuring of state historic site admission fees; and an increase in annual day-use permit. The new fee structure is anticipated to take effect July 1, 2025, at the outset of FY 26.

There is no anticipate impact on local governmental unit revenues.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule change will have minimal, if any, direct effects upon persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups. Patrons of the state parks and historic sites could experience an increase in costs from the increase in certain rates and fees compared to the amounts paid currently.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to influence competition or employment.



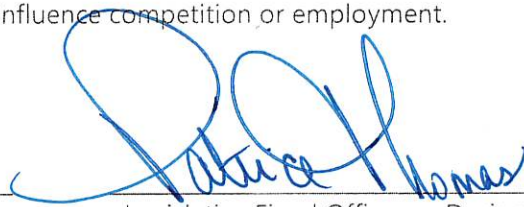
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The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

- A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to increase costs for the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (CRT), Office of State Parks (OSP). Implementation will be absorbed within existing resources and staff.

The proposed rule change updates and clarifies existing rules by amending language to include the following:

- (1) Abbreviates the terms "office of state parks" to "OSP" and "Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism" to "DCRT" and makes numerous spelling, grammar, and re-numbering/re-lettering revisions throughout LAC 25:IX.101, 303, 305, 307, 308, 309, 313, 321, 331, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, and 507.
- (2) Adds language for certain items that may be included as "Property" of OSP or another person that may not be intentionally removed, damaged, disturbed, or destroyed.
- (3) Adds language prohibiting the display, possession, and/or use of metal detectors or similar devices on OSP property.
- (4) Adds language prohibiting visitors to state historic sites "and recreation sites" from leaving designated trails.
- (5) Revises the period of time that vehicles will be considered abandoned if left unattended from seven consecutive days to twenty-four hours.
- (6) Revises the term "should" to "shall" in requiring OHV riders to wear appropriate protective clothing.
- (7) Removes "Hodges Gardens Lake" as a location where personal watercrafts are prohibited.
- (8) Revises the title of LAC 25:IX.307 to state "Watercraft" instead of "Water Craft."
- (9) Revises the term "pet(s)" to "dog(s)" and clarifies the locations on OSP property where dogs are allowed.
- (10) Adds language that "OSP follows all rules, guidelines, and enforcements from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF)" and removes language restricting the "taking of flounder by gigs, crabbing at Grand Isle SP and the taking of fish by means of a yo-yo or trigger device (as defined in R.S. 56:8) in Chicot Lake at Chicot State Park."
- (11) Adds language prohibiting fishing in all designated swimming areas.
- (12) Adds language requiring site visitors "without a reservation" to provide photo identification and other basic contact information.
- (13) Adds language that "[h]igher value items (Ex: Flat Screen TVs, appliances, etc.) are subject to market value replacement fee" if an item not reported as missing or damaged upon occupancy, becomes missing or damaged when the structure is vacated.
- (14) Removes the term "Hodges Gardens SP" and all general admission fees for Hodges Gardens SP.
- (15) Adds language that allows "[s]eniors 62 and older" to receive free admission to St. Bernard State Park and requires proof of residency for St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parish residents to receive free admission to St. Bernard State Park on Sundays.
- (16) Removes language specifying that an annual vehicle permit for St. Bernard State Park will be in the form of a windshield decal and replaces the word "decal" with "permit."
- (17) Revises the replacement fee for an annual vehicle permit to \$10 instead of free "if a windshield or vehicle has been replaced."
- (18) Adds language increasing and/or modifying the general admission fees for all state historic sites and Poverty Point World Heritage Site, establishing charges for guided site, house, or tram tours, and clarifying that guided site, house, or tram tour fees include all grounds, gardens, and structures open to the public.
- (19) Revises general admission charges and guided house tour charges for Rosedown Plantation State Historic Site and clarifies that guided house tour fees include all grounds and gardens of Rosedown Plantation State Historic Site.
- (20) Removes all site-specific admission charges for Audubon State Historic Site.
- (21) Adds language exempting admission fees at "state historic sites and Poverty Point World Heritage Site as defined in §502.C" for all students and chaperones on a field trip.

- (22) Removes language giving example locations of all type I, II, and III meeting rooms.
- (23) Adds language authorizing the assistant secretary to set day-use facility rental rates at his/her discretion and lists factors to be considered in pricing the day-use facility rental rates.
- (24) Revises the title of LAC 25:IX.502 to state "Fees and Exemptions; Entrance Discounts."
- (25) Removes duplicative language regarding annual day-use permits and the ability for the permit holder to obtain a permit in the form of a vehicle decal.
- (26) Revises the cost of an annual day-use permit from \$80 to \$100 per year.
- (27) Adds language instructing the annual day-use permit holder on what actions to take if their permit needs to be replaced and that a \$10 fee will be charged for a replacement permit.
- (28) Revises the maximum campsite fee not to exceed \$75 per night and the group camp rental fee not to exceed \$2,500 per night.
- (29) Removes summer weekday, winter weekend, and winter weekday campsite rental rates and revises the summer weekend campsite rental rate to the standard "Overnight Rate" for all visitors.
- (30) Removes the standard weekday cabin rental rate and revises the standard weekend cabin rental rate to the "Overnight Rate" for all visitors.
- (31) Removes the provision that the "rental fee for all cabins at Hodges Gardens S.P. and modular cabins at Sam Houston Jones S.P. will be the standard weekday rate year-round."
- (32) Removes the standard weekday lodge rental rate, the standard lodge classification rental rates, revises the standard weekend lodge rental rate to the "Overnight Rate" for all visitors, and revises the new Overnight Rate from \$225 to \$250.
- (33) Removes the Class I, II, and III classification, maximum capacity, and overnight rate schedule for group camps and replaces it with a new site-specific group camp overnight rate schedule with site-specific group camp sleeping capacity limitations.
- (34) Adds language requiring that group camp reservation guests be charged a one-time fee of \$5 in addition to paying the new site-specific group camp overnight rates.
- (35) Adds language that "[g]roup camps with multiple structures will provide facilities based on the number of guests on a reservation."
- (36) Revises Poverty Point "SHS" to Poverty Point "World Heritage Site."
- (37) Adds language requiring requests for use of the special research dormitory facility at Poverty Point World Heritage Site to be made in writing via letter "or email."
- (38) Adds language requiring requests for all programs and activities conducted by groups or individuals using the special research dormitory facility at Poverty Point World Heritage Site to be made in writing "via letter or email."
- (39) Adds language authorizing the assistant secretary to set overnight rates for all campsites, camping areas, cabins, lodges, group camps, and dormitory facilities at his/her discretion and lists factors to be considered in pricing the overnight rates.
- (40) Removes the specific telephone number to make a reservation for all OSP facilities and replaces the telephone number with the phrase "the currently contracted reservation center customer service line."
- (41) Revises the time that overnight and day-use facilities, including cabins, lodges, group camps, camping sites, rally shelters, meeting rooms and pavilions may be reserved in advance from 11 months to 13 months.
- (42) Revises the terms "he" with "they" and "August" with "June", and removes the language ", or the first business day after August 2," in an example given to illustrate the timeframe for when a reservation may be made for all OSP facilities.
- (43) Removes the language "Deposit in \$" in the first line of LAC 25:IX.505.A.4., so that the first line now just states "Full deposit."
- (44) Adds language implementing a one night charge at the reserved facility's rate if a guest is a no-show for a reservation, but allows the assistant secretary or their designee to grant an exception to that charge in writing.
- (45) Removes all two and three night minimum reservation requirements for weekend and weekday reservations at all OSP facilities and the specifications for which rate would apply in a situation where a weekend and weekday reservation overlapped.
- (46) Adds language clarifying that exceptions "to the reservation policy" may be granted by the assistant secretary or his designee.
- (47) Removes the provision that "up to five" campsites may be designated for long-term stays during the winter season.
- (48) Removes the provision that "[t]emporary visitors passes are available for the purpose of inspecting the site facilities prior to an anticipated visit."
- (49) Revises the title of LAC 25:IX.507 to state "Special Uses and Use Restrictions."
- (50) Revises the title of LAC 25:IX.507.A. to state "Special Use."
- (51) Adds language so that the title to LAC 25:IX.507.D. is now "Commercial Media" and adds subsections 1., a., and b. to LAC 25:IX.507.D.

- B. Summarize the circumstances, which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

The proposed rule change is made in accordance with R.S. 36:204, which gives the secretary of CRT the authority to make, alter, amend, and promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the administration of the functions of the department in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

- C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

No, the proposed rule change is not anticipated to result in any increase in expenditures.

- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

(a) _____ YES. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) _____ NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time

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WORKSHEET**

I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

COSTS	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$0	\$0	\$0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER CHARGES	\$0	\$0	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0
POSITIONS (#)	0	0	0

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A. 1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to increase costs for the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (CRT), Office of State Parks (OSP). Implementation will be absorbed within existing resources and staff.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER (Specify)	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

No additional funds are needed to implement the proposed rule change.

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to have any impact on local governmental units. Any duties or obligations described in the proposed rule changes are already designated and funded by the agency/department and will not have any anticipated impact.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit, which will be affected by these costs or savings.

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to have any impact on local governmental units.

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II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$0	\$1,765,543	\$2,169,442
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

The proposed rule change anticipates an overall increase in annual revenue collections for CRT, but the precise amount is difficult to quantify at this time.

The amounts in the chart above show an estimated revenue increase based upon average revenue from fiscal years 2021 – 2024 (\$9,517,913 average) and the proposed standardization and consolidation of campsite, cabin, and lodge rates, as well as the following proposed rate changes: the addition of a group camp attendee fee and an increase in group camp overnight rates; a restructuring of state historic site admission fees; and an increase in annual day-use permit rates.

It is the agency's goal to implement these new fee structures, effective July 1, 2025 (FY 26).

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III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

- A. What persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

The proposed rule change will have minimal, if any, direct effects upon persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups. Patrons of the state parks and historic sites could experience an increase in costs from the increase in certain rates and fees compared to the amounts paid currently.

- B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

The proposed rule change will have minimal, if any, impact on receipts and/or income to upon persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to influence competition or employment, in either public or private sectors.