

RESOLUTION NO. 220-2021, AMENDING THE GREEN KEY RATE FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY PARKS FOR A LIMITED PERIOD IN APPRECIATION OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has been a tremendous challenge for the residents of our County, nation and, indeed, the world; and

WHEREAS, healthcare workers during the pandemic have been working exceptionally hard under difficult circumstances; and

WHEREAS, there are substantial health benefits to being outdoors and connecting with nature; and

WHEREAS, the County has thousands of acres of parkland that can be enjoyed by residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the cost of a Green Key should be temporarily reduced for healthcare workers, to help them heal from this difficult year and thank them for their tireless efforts during the pandemic; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, Section 948-26 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 948. Fees and Charges.

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Article X. Parks and Recreation Fees.

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§ 948-26. Fee schedule.

The fee schedule shall be as follows and, where indicated, "weekday" is Monday through Friday and "weekend" is Saturday, Sunday and holidays, except for marina fees, where "weekday" is Sunday through Thursday and "weekend" is Friday, Saturday and holidays:

Type	Fee
Green key	
Resident (3-year pass)	\$30
Discount rate for	
Senior citizen (60 and over); veteran; CERT volunteer;	\$15
handicapped; volunteer fire fighter and ambulance workers;	
auxiliary police	
Junior (under 18)	\$15
Disabled veteran; members and spouses and children of	\$15
members of Armed Forces on active duty	

Effective from 5/1/2021 through 4/30/2022: Healthcare workers \$15 as defined by the CDC as paid and unpaid workers in healthcare settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials. This includes: nurses and nursing assistants, physicians and advanced practice providers (MD, DO, NP, PA), respiratory technicians, dentists and hygienists, pharmacists, plasma and blood donation staff, morticians, public health nurses, mental health clinicians, home health, school nurses, optometrist, COVID testing staff, dialysis staff, urgent care workers, corrections nurses/aides, long-term care facility staff, group home/residential staff, home aide/caregiver, hospice and palliative care staff, community health workers when acting as health aids or health translators, with valid proof of current healthcare employment

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and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the reduced Green Key rate for healthcare workers will only be effective for one year from May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(26) and (33) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW insofar as these actions constitute routine or continuing administration and management not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: April 20, 2021

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: April 23, 2021