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Sould Euclid committee dives into modernizing pool pass system

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SOUTH EUCLID — City Council is discussing modernizing South Euclid's pool pass system.

Council is seeking to replace the old, metal tags the city has been issuing to those with season swimming passes, with photograph IDs.

Council's Recreation Com-

mittee discussed the idea Monday and is willing to move forward with it, if there is enough money to do so.

It is estimated a start-up program, including the software necessary to start producing photo IDs would cost anywhere from \$3,200-\$9,000.

"We're asking for the money to be put in the budget so we can do this," said Council President David Miller,

chairman of the Recreation Committee. The city's budget must be hammered out by March 31, and the request for money for photo IDs will be part of that process.

"We use a metal pass system, and it's been giving us a headache for years," said Pete Titas, the city's pool director.

Titas said those who have the metal passes routinely allow use of those passes to

friends and family members. A photo-ID, he said, would help eliminate such practices and allow the city to get the money it charges for pool use.

The city will keep its charges of \$55 for a season pass for residents, and \$75 for non-residents. Family passes can be purchased at a maximum cost of \$150.

The cost for a resident to swim one day at a pool is \$5, and for a non-resident, \$6.

Last year, the city sold 1,012 passes. The passes are good for use at the city's pools at Bexley and Victory pools, and at the splash park at Quarry Park North. They are also good at the pool at Lyndhurst Community Park.

In addition Monday, the Recreation Committee, and also the full council at its meeting, passed in its swimming pool fee structure a free family swimming pass for

families with a member or members with a disability. The term disabled is defined in accordance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

This idea was taken from Lyndhurst's council, which allowed it in its pool fee ordinance.

Finally, the only fee the South Euclid council changed is for its three-week learn-to-swim program. In the past, students would have to pay for each individual lesson. There is now one \$20 charge.