

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT**  
**TITLE 725. OKLAHOMA TOURISM AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
**CHAPTER 30. DIVISION OF STATE PARKS**

**1. DESCRIPTION:**

The proposed rules change the approving authority/personnel of assemblies, meetings, gatherings, and distribution of materials in park areas from the park manager to the Director of State Parks. The proposed rules update the types of activities and events that fall within pre-established permit types issued by the Division of State Parks and create a new permit fee schedule for permits issued by the Department. The proposed fee structure will cover the administrative costs of processing permits issued by the Department's Division of State Parks and will support any increased personnel and/or maintenance costs borne by the park where a permitted activity or event is held.

**2. DESCRIPTION OF AFFECTED PERSONS AND COST IMPACT:**

No persons are anticipated to be impacted by the proposed rule changing the approving authority/personnel for assemblies, meetings, gatherings, and distribution of materials in park areas from the park manager to the Director of State Parks. Persons who choose to engage in activities that require a Use Permit, Event Permit, or Commercial Permit within a park operated by the agency will be charged a fee for the permit. Prior to publishing the proposed rules in the Register, the agency received no information on cost impacts from private or public entities.

**3. DESCRIPTION OF PERSONS BENEFITING:**

Changes in the proposed rules to the types of activities requiring permits will allow the agency to better ensure ample park spaces remain available to all visitors.

**4. ECONOMIC IMPACT AND FEE CHANGES:**

Fees for permitted activities will be assessed to cover the administrative costs of processing Use Permits, Event Permits, and Commercial Permits issued by the Department's Division of State Parks and will support any increased personnel and/or maintenance costs borne by the park where a permitted activity or event is held.

**5. COST AND BENEFITS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT TO THE AGENCY:**

Proposed changes to the approving authority/personnel of assemblies, meetings, gatherings, and distribution of materials in park areas from the park manager to the Director of State Parks will allow the agency uniform oversight in the approval process. The

proposed rules creating a fee structure for permits will help cover the administrative costs of processing permits issued by the agency's Division of State Parks and will support any increased personnel and/or maintenance costs borne by the park where a permitted activity or event is held. No additional revenues will be required to enforce the proposed rule changes.

**6. ECONOMIC IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:**

No economic impact is anticipated on political subdivisions.

**7. ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES:**

No significant impact on small businesses is anticipated.

**8. MEASURES TO MINIMIZE RULE COST:**

The proposed rule creating a permit fee schedule only applies to persons engaging in activities requiring a permit and is intended to offset the agency's cost of processing the permit and support any increased personnel and/or maintenance costs borne by the park where a permitted activity or event is held. There is no less intrusive or non-regulatory method of achieving the purpose of the proposed fee schedule.

**9. EFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

The agency is unable to identify any detrimental effect on public health and safety.

**10. DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY WITHOUT ADOPTION:**

The agency is unable to identify any detrimental effects on public health and safety.

**11. PREPARATION AND MODIFICATION DATES OF RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:**

This rule impact statement was prepared on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.