

**POLICY FOR FREE OR REDUCED FEES FOR CITY OF GAINESVILLE**  
**SUMMER SUPERVISED PLAYGROUND PROGRAM**

**POLICY STATEMENT**

The City of Gainesville Recreation and Parks Department recognizes the importance of children participating in structured programs during the summer months. While it is necessary to charge a fee to offset part of the cost of the Summer Playground Program and to increase daily adherence rates, there may be children whose families are economically disadvantaged and unable to pay the registration fee. Based on this circumstance and the Recreation and Parks Department's commitment to children, any child who lives in the city limits and qualifies for free lunch through the School Board of Alachua County will be granted a **fee waiver**. Any child who lives in the city limits and qualifies for reduced lunch through the School Board of Alachua County will be granted a **50% discount** on the fee.

In accordance with Municipal Ordinance no. 991160: Proposed Alternative Recreational Fee Structure, city residents will receive priority registration for the Summer Playground Program.

**QUALIFYING PROCEDURE**

Any individual who wishes to receive a waiver of fees or a reduction in fees for the Summer Playground Program must present upon the time of registration either a "Direct Certification Eligibility Notification Letter" or "Direct Notification," in addition to proof of residency. Proof of city residency is established by either a voter registration card or current GRU bill. The School Board of Alachua County, located at 620 University Ave, Gainesville, FL, issues certificates for free or reduced lunch. No other documentation will be accepted.

**FALSIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

Any individual who attempts to falsify their eligibility may be penalized. These penalties are at the discretion of the city's Recreation and Parks Department, and may include but not be limited to, additional financial fees or restrictions from future recreation programs.

In accordance with City Commission directive, 3/12/01, and Recreation and Cultural Affairs Agenda item No. 000539, 3/27/01.