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Background

For almost twenty years, the Southwest Iowa Training Facility (SITF) has allowed local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies across southwest Iowa and the greater Omaha metropolitan area to utilize the firing ranges and training spaces located on the property. The fee structure to utilize the entire training space at the SITF is codified in the Municipal Code of Council Bluffs, Chapter 2.08.040 Schedule of Fees as follows:

RANGE FEES – Defensive tactics	
4 hours (1/2 day)	$75.00
8 hours (full day)	$150.00

Proposed Schedule of Fees

The Council Bluffs Police Department's (CBPD) Administration Division recently completed a review of the volume and nature of SITF use by external law enforcement agencies. This review revealed larger agencies were unnecessarily reserving the entire facility and creating greater maintenance issues. At the same time, smaller agencies had difficulty coordinating their schedules to when space was available at the SITF.

To address these issues, the CBPD intends to update the SITF schedule of fees to ensure larger agencies are charged an appropriate fee for their use and smaller agencies are afforded the necessary flexibility to schedule training. The SITF training spaces consist of one large training/defensive tactics room that can be subdivided into three smaller rooms, two indoor 25-yard shooting ranges, one outdoor 50-yard shooting range, and one outdoor 100-yard shooting range.

As opposed to making the entire SITF available for either a 4- or 8-hour time period, the new schedule of fees considers each range (i.e., two indoor 25 yard, one outdoor 50 yard, one outdoor 100 yard) and the training /defensive tactics room as a single Range/Training Slot. A maximum of 5 Range/Training Slots can be reserved for an entire 8-hour day. This change would not represent a fiscal burden for smaller agencies and it permits more training space to be available (i.e., 10 firing spots are available on each range). Also, the increase in cost to utilize the entire facility for the day appropriately accounts for the larger support and maintenance burden placed on the SITF.

The CBPD respectfully requests approval of this proposed change to the Schedule of Fees.

RANGE FEES – Defensive tactics	
1 Range/Training Slot	$100
2 Range/Training Slots	$150
3 Range/Training Slots	$200
4 Range/Training Slots	$250
5 Range/Training Slots	$300