

AN ORDINANCE 2009-02-05-0092

APPROVING AN INCREASE IN GENERAL ADMISSION FEES
TO THE WITTE MUSEUM.

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WHEREAS, the San Antonio Museum Association d/b/a The Witte Museum (Witte) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a natural science and history museum to San Antonio citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Witte currently leases property from the City of San Antonio in Brackenridge Park which opened in 1923; and

WHEREAS, during the last fiscal year, the Witte welcomed nearly 400,000 visitors, including over 60,000 on "Free Tuesdays"; and

WHEREAS, the Lease was approved through Ordinance 86520 on August 28, 1997, which established general admission fees to the Witte; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2003, through Ordinance 98303 City Council approved the Witte's first request to increase general admission fees; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 14.1 of the Lease, the Witte requests City Council approval for a \$1.00 increase in general admission fees for each age group (with exception to children under age 4) in order to offset its expanding operating costs; and

WHEREAS, the Witte's proposed general admission fees will be comparable to current admission fees at the San Antonio Museum of Art and McNay Museum of Art; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The general admission fees to the Witte Museum are hereby authorized to be increased to the amounts shown in the following table:

	General Admission Fees
Adult (12-64)	\$8.00
Senior (65+)	\$7.00
Child (4-11)	\$6.00
Below Age 4	Free

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage by eight (8) affirmative votes of the entire City Council; otherwise, said effective date shall be ten (10) days from the date of passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of February, 2009.


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ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
for City Attorney