

CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS



CITY COUNCIL POLICY

SUBJECT: PUBLIC FACILITY RESERVATION & USE POLICY

POLICY No. 317

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PURPOSE:

To establish policies and procedures, in conjunction with the Park and Recreation Facility Use Regulations (City of Laguna Hills Municipal Code, Chapters 8-04, 8-10), with respect to authorizing reserved and exclusive use of City Facilities and Parks.

DEFINITIONS:

Applicant – means a Person applying for a Facility Permit for Director approval, or in possession of an approved Facility Permit.

Alcoholic Beverages – means alcohol, spirits, liquor, wine, beer, and every liquid or solid containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume and which is fit for beverage purposes either alone or when diluted, mixed, or combined with other substances.

Athletic Fields or Courts – means all ball diamonds, soccer fields, roller hockey rinks, and volleyball, basketball, and tennis courts owned, operated, or maintained by the City.

Community Center – means any portion of, whether indoors or outdoors, the Laguna Hills Community Center building located at 25555 Alicia Parkway, Laguna Hills.

Department – means Community Services Department.

Director – means the Community Services Director, the Community Services Director's designee, the Deputy City Manager, or the Deputy City Manager's designee.

Eviction – means expulsion from a City Facility and, if applicable, revocation of a Facility Permit.

Exclusive Use – means the right to use a City Facility, or portion thereof, for any activity at a specified time, on one or more occasions, to the exclusion of others.

Facility(ies) – means all City owned or maintained property, whether indoors or outdoors.

Facility Permit – means written permission issued by the Director authorizing a person or group to conduct specified activities within a City Facility, and/or authorizing the exclusive use of a City Facility, or portion thereof, by such persons or groups.

Large Group – means any organized activity in which fifty (50) or more individuals are expected to participate or attend.

Minors – means persons under 18 years of age.

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Park – means all parks, park-related buildings, facilities and grounds, recreational facilities, recreational areas, athletic fields or courts, and open space areas owned, operated, maintained, or controlled by the City.

Person – means every individual, firm, corporation, joint venture, association, social club, or any group or combination activity as a unit.

GENERAL FACILITY RESERVATION & USE POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

The following policies and procedures apply to all Facility rentals.

Facility Permits:

A Facility Permit must be obtained from the Community Services Department of the City of Laguna Hills, all required forms must be completed, and all required deposits and fees paid before any Person shall occupy any part of a Facility on a reserved and exclusive-use basis or for any other activity listed in the Park and Recreation Facility Use Regulations (City of Laguna Hills Municipal Code, Chapters 8-04 and 8-10).

- a) The following activities, require the issuance of a Facility Permit and Director approval. These activities must be noted on an application.
 - i. Any activity involving the temporary erection or placement on Park property of stages, booths, generators, platforms, pitching machines, sculptures, and other art works, inflatable bounce houses or similar play equipment, rock climbing walls, or other similar structures or portable recreational equipment.
 - ii. The sale of any goods, wares, merchandise, food, or beverages in connection with a permitted group activity.
 - iii. Any activity involving the use of live music or amplified sound or music systems including, without limitation, loudspeakers or other amplification devices or public address systems.
 - iv. Any recurrent athletic league, club, team, or group sporting activity including but not limited to games, practices, scrimmages, exhibitions, clinics, or other team-sport or athletic-related events or activities.
 - v. Any organized activity in which fifty (50) or more individuals (Large Group) are expected to participate or attend, or to which the public is invited, or which requires special city services. Such group activities include, but are not limited to: picnics; gatherings; meetings; parades; camp-outs; plays; musical events; art shows; exhibitions; athletic events; concerts; expos; markets; fairs; festivals; lectures; or any type of entertainment or theatrical performances.
- b) A permittee shall be bound by all City rules and regulations, by all applicable City Ordinances and applicable provisions of state and federal law.
- c) The City is not and shall not be held responsible for the loss, damage, or theft of equipment or articles owned or controlled by Facility users.

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- d) A Facility Permit may not be transferred, assigned, or sublet.
- e) Any group using City Facilities outside of the established hours of operation, as approved by the Director, shall pay for each or any part of an hour for each City staff member assisting with the Facility reservation, in addition to the regular rental fee as established by City Council resolution.
- f) Facility reservations may be booked up to one year in advance.
- g) City staff and law enforcement reserve the right to full access and inspection of all Facility reservation areas at any time.
- h) Refunds of Facility rental fees and/or deposit fees may take up to 45 days to process if cash or checks are used.
- i) Facility Permits will only be issued to persons 18 years of age and older, unless the application includes the use of Alcoholic Beverages in which case, reservations will only be issued to persons 21 years of age or older.
- j) Groups of less than 50 individuals (or less than a Large Group) may reserve a Park via a Facility Permit if they desire to assure use of the Facility.
- k) Large Group Park use will not be permitted on consecutive weekend days at the same Park without special approval from the Director.
- l) A Facility Permit is required for the placement of any sanitation facilities (i.e. porta potties) in a Park.
- m) Activities for Minors must be supervised by responsible adults at the ratio of one adult for every twenty Minors.
- n) Facility Permit requests for parties, events, or activities for a Minor will ONLY be issued to a parent or legal guardian of the Minor and who will also be attending the event.
- o) All Facility rental fees and deposits are set by City Council resolution except for charges for security services and insurance which are established by City's third-party vendors.

Application Process:

An Applicant seeking issuance of a Facility Permit shall file an application with the Department. The application must be received at least thirty (30) days in advance of desired reservation date(s). Requests received less than thirty (30) days in advance will be granted if conditions allow and payment for these reservations shall be paid in full when the request is made and the application is approved.

- a) An application must be submitted by an individual who is representing the group, association, firm, or corporation and is responsible for the Facility reservation. An

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Applicant must have official authorization to apply on behalf of an organization.
Applicant must include in the application:

- i. The name, address, and contact information of the Applicant.
 - ii. The name and address of the person, persons, corporation, or association sponsoring the activity, together with a list of the responsible officers and directors to whom notices and claims for damages may be directed.
 - iii. The day and hours for which the permit is desired (*including set up and clean up times*).
 - iv. The Facility or Facilities for which such permit is desired.
 - v. A numerical estimate of the anticipated attendance. (*Attendance cannot exceed posted room occupancies*).
 - vi. The percentage of the Applicant's group who are residents of the City of Laguna Hills if requested. (*Reasonable evidence of residential status may be required at the discretion of the Director*).
 - vii. Any other information that the City finds reasonable or necessary to safeguard City Facilities and the public.
- b) An Applicant must specify an exact list of the equipment that the Applicant desires to bring to Facility during a reservation. A map showing the locations of equipment may be required.
- c) Deposit fees (or refundable deposit) will be collected at the time of application submittal and prior to issuance of Facility Permit. Certain deposit fees are refundable, as set forth by City Council Resolution, unless the deposit fee, or a portion thereof, is used to cover Department's costs for cleaning and/or damage caused by a Person's Facility reservation, to cover unpaid balances with rental fees, insurance, or security guard services, to cover cancellation fees, or if an Applicant fails to abide by the Community Center Facility Rental Hours or the rental times specified on the Facility Permit.
 - i. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to inform Department staff of any changes in address in order to process deposit refunds.
 - ii. If an Applicant's deposit fee refund on file with the City has not been deposited by the Applicant within six months after the reservation date, then the City will retain the deposit fee.
- d) The entire time needed to prepare food, decorate the Facilities, or set-up before the event, and to completely clean up after the event must be reserved by the Applicant and must be stated on the application form. Early arrival or late departure, by a caterer or any member of the Applicant's party will result in additional fees and forfeiture of deposit.
- e) Depending on the nature of the event, Applicants may be required to meet with Department staff at least fourteen (14) days before event to personally review Applicant's needs, set up, and Department Facility rules and regulations.

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Standards of Issuance:

The Director may issue a Facility Permit hereunder when it is found:

- a) That the proposed activity or use of a City Facility will not unreasonably interfere with general public enjoyment of other facilities;
- b) That the proposed activity or use will not unreasonably interfere with public health, welfare, safety, or recreation;
- c) That the proposed activity or use is not unlawful;
- d) That the proposed activity or use will not entail unusual, extraordinary, or burdensome expense to the City or require costly police support or assistance;
- e) That the City Facility desired has not been previously reserved;
- f) That the Applicant, if applying on behalf of a firm, corporation, joint venture, association, social club, or any group or combination activity as a unit, be organized and in existence for at least thirty (30) days prior to seeking a Facility Permit;
- g) That required fees have been paid; and
- h) That evidence of insurance acceptable to the City has been provided.

Reservation and Use Priority:

Priority of use for all City Facilities shall be as follows:

- 1) City programs and events including those activities and events that the City of Laguna Hills is cosponsoring.
- 2) Laguna Hills sports organizations directly sponsoring youth programs open to all youth participants and predominately serving Laguna Hills youth. Local youth and adult organizations and groups such as service clubs, churches, and veterans, whose membership is open to the public, provided such organization and/or group carries out its activities through an existing bona fide office, an existing recognized place of worship, or an established meeting place that is physically located within the City of Laguna Hills.
- 3) Residents of the City of Laguna Hills.
- 4) Local merchants of the City of Laguna Hills wishing to reserve and make use of facilities for an activity directly related to their business pursuits within the City.
- 5) Non-resident nonprofit organizations.
- 6) Non-resident individuals and businesses.

Verification of Classification:

Any Applicant requesting a nonprofit classification must attach written verification and proof of nonprofit status to application. The status of an organization must be proved by the Applicant to the satisfaction of the Director.

(CATEGORY A) - Resident Nonprofit: Local clubs and organizations that are open to the general public and have their headquarters in the City of Laguna Hills. Application for nonprofit rentals must include a Federal Tax Exempt I.D. number, and may require proof of same by showing either a "Statement of Domestic

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Nonprofit Organization” filed with the State of California or nonprofit tax identification number.

(CATEGORY B) - Resident Private: Individuals, clubs, organizations, and other groups, with a City of Laguna Hills address, and/or where its participants/memberships are made up of at least 50% residents from the City of Laguna Hills. Proof of residency is required.

(CATEGORY C) - Non-Resident Nonprofit: Nonprofit clubs, organizations, and other groups that are non-residents of the City of Laguna Hills. Documentation required as stated above.

(CATEGORY D) - Non-Resident Private: Individuals, clubs, organizations, and other that are non-residents of the City of Laguna Hills.

(CATEGORY E) - Commercial: Business entities within or outside of the City of Laguna Hills boundaries.

Laguna Hills Youth Sports Organization Verification:

Application for Laguna Hills Youth Sports Organization Facility use must include a Federal Tax Exempt I.D. number, and may require proof of same by showing either a “Statement of Domestic Nonprofit Organization” filed with the State of California or nonprofit tax identification number. Appropriate documentation to verify Resident Nonprofit status may also be requested which includes, but is not limited to, team rosters, utility bills from team player’s place of residence, sports organization’s bylaws, mission statements or equivalent.

Laguna Hills nonprofit youth sports organizations are defined as local nonprofit volunteer organizations that are comprised predominately of Laguna Hills resident youths. These organizations maintain a “no cut” policy where every child is not denied the opportunity to play and registration is open to all Laguna Hills’ children. In addition, the youth sports organization is administered by volunteer Laguna Hills residents that serve as officers, coaches, commissioners, or board of directors and do not receive any compensation for their volunteer service.

Outdoor Park Amenities Use:

Outdoor Park amenities (including open areas, volleyball and basketball courts, picnic tables, BBQs, etc.) may be reserved for up to three (3) hours of use in conjunction with a group picnic reservation when available. To request the use of an outdoor Park amenity as stated above, Applicant must indicate a three (3) hour time slot on the Facility Permit application.

All outdoor Park amenities (including open areas, volleyball and basketball courts, picnic tables, BBQs, etc.) are available on a first come, first serve basis unless reserved as stated above.

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Policy Interpretation:

It is the policy of the City of Laguna Hills to grant the Department administrative discretion to interpret and adjust the general rules of this policy to meet specific needs of Applicants and the City. Appeals may be made to the City Manager.

Payments:

Deposit fees (or refundable deposit) will be collected at the time of application submittal and prior to issuance of Facility Permit (See “Application Process”). Remaining balance of Rental fees is due at least thirty (30) days prior to event. Personal checks will not be accepted when any payment is made less than fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of a reservation.

All receipts for payments and any reimbursements will be made to the Applicant only, regardless of payment source. Payments shall always be noted with event date(s), Facility reserved, and responsible party for reservation.

Disruptive Behavior

Applicant’s conduct or behavior that disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the scheduled activity permitted, or with the administration of City Facilities by City personnel and/or the enjoyment of others using a Park or Facility is strictly prohibited.

Applicants are responsible for controlling noise that may be disturbing to other activities occurring at a Park or Facility, or that may negatively impact a surrounding neighborhood.

Applicants who engage in such disruptive conduct shall be subject to Eviction in accordance to the City of Laguna Hills’ Municipal Code and may also result in the revocation of a Facility Permit.

Revocation:

The Director shall have the authority to summarily revoke a Facility Permit upon finding a violation of any provision, hereof, or upon finding a violation of any applicable City Ordinances, City rules and regulations, and/or state law. The individual or group will not be issued a permit for twelve months from date of the violation.

Appeal:

If an application and/or a Facility Permit is denied or revoked by the Director, an appeal may be made to the City Manager in writing within five (5) business days of the Director’s decision. The City Manager is not required to consider a late-filed appeal.

Waiver of Fees:

Any and all applicable fees may be waived or reduced by the Director, for public school activities and events and governmental purposes, as well as for community activities and events that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the City.

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Limitation of Use:

The City reserves the right to limit the hours of use of Park Facilities to prevent adverse effect or conditions to adjacent residents or damage to the Facilities or turf because of excessive use.

Security Services:

The City reserves the right to require security guard services for any activities held at City Facilities at the Director's discretion. All events serving Alcoholic Beverages require security guard services. Events with a live band, disk jockey amplified music, or any type of amplified music require security guard services. Department staff will arrange for a security guard service company on behalf of Applicant. Security guard service will be scheduled at a ratio of one (1) security guard per one hundred (100) guests, unless the Director determines that more security guards are required for an event. Security guard service will be scheduled for entire event time specified on the Facility Permit.

The Applicant is responsible for the cost of security guard services. Cost for security guard services are in addition to the Facility rental rates. Information regarding charges for security services will be provided to the Applicant upon Facility booking, subject to change if the terms and parameters of the reservation are modified.

Insurance Requirements:

Insurance is required for all indoor Facility rentals. Information regarding insurance coverage requirements will be provided to the Applicant upon Facility booking. Applicant is responsible for the cost of insurance and providing the City with the required Certificate of Insurance and endorsements at least ten (10) days prior to Applicant's use of Facility(ies). If insurance is not provided to the City at least (10) days prior to the Applicant's reservation, the reservation is subject to cancellation.

If the Applicant's insurance cannot meet City requirements, or Applicant elects to use the City's insurer, Department staff will arrange for insurance coverage on Applicant's behalf and the Applicant will be responsible for paying the cost of such coverage at the time of application. Cost for insurance coverage is in addition to the Facility rental rates.

The Director, in his or her discretion, may require Applicant to secure insurance coverage as described above for an outdoor Facility reservation dependent upon the nature of the activity. Insurance coverage requirements are subject to change if the terms and parameters of the reservation are modified.

Damage to Facility:

Any person or group causing property or equipment damage to City Facilities, including damage or defacement to amenities such as grass, foliage, carpet, walls, flooring, displays, signs, playground equipment, etc. will be required to pay for such damage (based on current cost of repair or replacement as established by the City). The City shall use Applicant's deposit fee to cover costs of damage and will bill the Applicant for any outstanding balance to cover full costs of damage if applicable. Until such

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outstanding payment is received, the City may revoke Applicant's current Facility Permit and reject future applications.

Smoking:

Smoking in City Parks and the Community Center is strictly prohibited per the City of Laguna Hills Municipal Code.

Alcohol Use:

No Person shall consume, possess or sell any Alcoholic Beverages within a designated Park. This prohibition shall not apply to reservations conducted at the Community Center in accordance with applicable City policies and an approved Facility Permit (see "Community Center Alcohol Use").

Drug Use:

No Person shall consume, use, possess or sell illegal drugs at a City Park or the Community Center.

Sale of Food:

A health permit is required from the County of Orange Healthcare Agency when food will be sold during a Facility reservation, or in the opinion of the Director a health permit is required. A copy of the health permit shall be filed with Department to be included in Applicant's Facility Permit.

Glass Containers:

No Person shall bring into, or have in his or her possession, in a Park a glass container. This prohibition shall not apply to reservations occurring at the Community Center in accordance with an approved Facility Permit.

Use of City Seal and Reference to City:

Any unauthorized references to the City that suggests (or can be interpreted as) the City is endorsing or sponsoring a Person's Facility reservation event is strictly prohibited and may result in the revocation of a Facility Permit. Therefore, without prior written authorization from the City of Laguna Hills, it is prohibited for Persons to:

- i. use the City Seal or emblem in any form of outreach and/or advertisement of a Person's Facility reservation event; or
- ii. use "The City of Laguna Hills," or "City of Laguna Hills," or "Laguna Hills Community Center," or any variation thereof, in the title of a Person's Facility reservation event advertisement, or in any manner that would suggest City sponsorship or endorsement; or
- iii. use of any image of City Facilities in reservation event advertisement, or in any manner that would suggest City sponsorship or endorsement; or
- iv. use of the City name, City Facility name, City address, a City email, and/or City phone number as the official address or official contact information for a Person's reservation event.

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The City does not restrict a Person from using a Facility name and address to advertise the location of a Person's reservation event. For example:

Applicant's name of event will be held at:
Laguna Hills Community Center and Sports Complex
25555 Alicia Parkway
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Cleaning after Reservation

It is the Applicant's responsibility to clean entire rented Facilities, and all equipment used, to the condition prior to the Facilities reservation and to the satisfaction of Department staff.

In the event Applicant does not clean the Facilities, or does not clean the Facilities to the satisfaction of Department staff, the Department shall use Applicant's deposit fee to cover cleaning costs and will bill the Applicant any additional cleaning costs not covered under deposit fee.

Until entire payment is received for total cleaning costs, the City may revoke Applicant's current Facility Permit and reject future applications.

Signs:

Signs (including, banners, balloons, and other decorative materials) used to promote, advertise, or decorate a Facility reservation event, or for event wayfinding purposes, must first be approved by the Director based on reasonable time, place, manner and aesthetic considerations.

Applicants must note requested signage as well as desired locations on Applicant's Facility Permit. The proposed location of any requested sign(s) must be approved in advance by the Director and will only be permitted for display during the reservation hours designated on the Facility Permit.

Notwithstanding the forgoing, signs that contain any of the following are prohibited: 1) Content not related to the purpose of Applicant's Facility reservation; 2) Content that defames, abuses harasses, stalks, threaten or violates the legal rights of others; 3) Sexual content, profanity, vulgarity, obscenity, racism, hatred, slander, threats, and/or violence; 4) Content that is not appropriate for all age groups; 5) Content that promotes, fosters, or perpetuates discrimination or personal attacks on the basis of race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, national origin, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation; 6) Content that contains personal information about another person or that violates a person's privacy; and/or 7) Content that promotes or encourages illegal activity.

Any signs that are placed in an unapproved location or that violate this policy will be immediately removed and the Applicant's Facility Permit may be subject to revocation.

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Trash and Recycling Requirement:

All Applicants are required to recycle their trash during their Facility use. Information about the City's recycling requirements will be shared with Applicants at the time of application.

Applicants who will be selling or serving food as part of their Facility reservation are required to recycle all food waste (organic waste).

Dependent on the nature of the event, Department staff may require Applicant to develop a recycling plan and any additional trash and recycling services in addition to the City's current service levels will be borne by the Applicant.

Failure by Applicant to adequately recycle their trash during their Facility reservation may result in the forfeit of a Person's deposit fee (or a portion thereof).

Cancellations:

The Department requests that Persons cancel their reservations at least thirty (30) days prior to their reservation date as stated on an approved Facility Permit. Cancellations are subject to cancellation fees as established by City Council Resolution. Cancellations made less than thirty (30) days prior to a reservation will forfeit the Applicant's Facility deposit.

COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY RESERVATION & USE POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

In addition to the "General Facility Reservation & Use Policies & Procedures" stated above, the following policies and procedures shall also apply to reservations and use of the Community Center.

Community Center Facility Rental Hours:

Community Center Facilities can be rented during the following hours:

	Community Center Facility Rental Hours		
	Facility is available and Setup Hours must be included	Event must end Time	Time available for event cleanup
Monday - Saturday	8:00 am	10:00 pm	up to 11:00 pm
Sunday	12:00 pm	6:00 pm	up to 7:00 pm

- a) All events must end by time stated above under "Event must end Time." Additional time is allowed for event cleanup as designated above under "Time available for event cleanup." No music is allowed when an event ends or after the "Event must end Time" as noted above, and all guests not participating in the clean-up of the event must leave the event.
- b) Forfeiture of one half of the deposit may be applied to Facility reservations that runs up to one half hour past 11:00 pm on Monday – Saturdays, and up to one

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half hour past 7:00 pm on Sundays, or for a reservation that runs after the end time (including clean-up time) specified on the Facility Permit up to one half hour.

- c) Applicant will forfeit the full amount of deposit if Facility rental runs past 11:30 pm on Monday – Saturdays, and 7:30pm on Sundays, or for a reservation that runs more than one half hour after the end time (including clean-up time) specified on the Facility Permit.
- d) The weekend rate will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Fridays and end on 7:00 pm on Sundays.
- e) Applicants will be charged time and one half hourly rental rate for early arrival.
- f) There is a two (2) hour minimum hourly rental rate for Community Center Facility rentals.

Mandatory Site Meeting:

A mandatory site meeting shall be scheduled with the Applicant and Department staff at the Community Center. The site meeting appointment should be made at least fourteen (14) days prior to the event. Any caterer or special event coordinator should also attend the site meeting. Failure to complete a site meeting could result in a cancellation of the event and forfeiture of fees and deposits.

The Applicant is the only person who may request changes to the reservation.

Community Center Setup/Cleanup:

Usage time on the application must include all Facility preparation, including an Applicant's setup and decoration time by caterer and/or user, as well as cleanup time following use.

Applicants will not be allowed to occupy the Facilities during times not listed on the Facility Permit. Reservations are based upon use within the specified time period on Facility Permit and any additional use is subject to additional charges.

Department staff will be on hand to admit Applicant to the rented Facilities at the time specified on the approved Facility Permit.

City staff will set up all tables, chairs, and equipment according to the set-up plans provided. If no set up plan is submitted, City staff will set up the reservation according to standard set up configurations for the type and size indicated on the application.

Only one setup per group will be provided. Requests for changes to room setup after the setup is completed in accordance to the Facility Permit plan will not be accommodated.

Facilities must be left in the same condition in which they were found. Department staff will provide Applicant with a clean-up checklist that must be filled out before and after the activity to determine needed clean up or repairs before and after the rental. If the

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Facility is not cleaned to the conditions prior to Applicant's reservation, or to the satisfaction of the Department staff, the Applicant will pay for cleaning costs which will be deducted from Applicant's deposit fee. If clean-up costs are more than the deposit fee, the Applicant will be responsible for paying the difference.

Community Center & Kitchen Reservation Amenities:

- a) Rentals include the use of tables and chairs. Table covers are not provided.
- b) Styrofoam products are prohibited from use in the Community Center.
- c) Use of the kitchen must be included on the Facility Permit. Kitchen rental offers use of refrigerator/freezer, stove, oven(s), warmers, ice machine, and microwave.
- d) Eating, serving, and cooking utensils are not provided. Utensils must be provided by the Applicant and must all be removed promptly and completely upon conclusion of the event.
- e) Refrigerator space may be limited due to active, on-going City programs.
- f) Equipment or furnishings shall not be removed or rearranged without prior written approval from the Director.

Community Center Decorations:

Decorations must be flame retardant. Decorations with hay or straw are prohibited. Confetti, birdseed, popcorn, rice, or other material shall not be thrown. Nails, staples, tape, and similar hardware may not be used to attach materials to walls or ceilings in the Heritage Room. Glitter is not allowed. The use of open flames (i.e. candles) must first be approved on the Applicant's Facility Permit.

All decorative and other items, such as approved signs, shall be removed by the end of the rental period. No heavy items are to be dragged across floors.

Limited Space and Storage:

Due to limited space, storage will not be provided for building rentals. All equipment, supplies, food, and decorations brought in by Applicant must be removed by the Applicant before leaving the building and within the rental time designated on Applicant's Facility Permit.

Department staff are not authorized to sign for deliveries and are not authorized to permit any deliveries that vary from scheduled times.

The Department cannot be held responsible for any items delivered early or left behind. The Applicant or event contact person must accept all deliveries.

The "set-up time" stated on the application form is the earliest time that any deliveries can be made.

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Community Center Alcohol Use:

The following rules and guidelines apply to Alcoholic Beverages use at the Community Center.

- a) Applicants requesting the use of Alcoholic Beverages must submit a proper application form with their Facility use application. An alcohol permit fee, set by City Council resolution, will be charged to all Applicants requesting to serve Alcoholic Beverages.
- b) Applications to serve Alcoholic Beverages will not be considered for approval for any activity with a youth emphasis. This includes activities for Minors such as birthday parties, quinceaneras, bar and bat mitzvahs, or student activities.
- c) Alcoholic Beverages may not be served to Minors. Alcoholic Beverages are to be served only to persons 21 years of age and older.
- d) Alcoholic Beverages are permitted only within the confines of the Laguna Hills Community Center building and adjacent patios and courtyard.
- e) Alcoholic Beverages cannot be served past 9:30 pm on Monday – Saturdays, and 5:30 pm on Sundays.
- f) The maximum amount of time that Alcoholic Beverages may be served is 5 hours.
- g) Security is required for all events serving Alcoholic Beverages.
- h) Alcoholic Beverages may not be consumed while setting up or cleaning up an event.
- i) A bartender is required for beer keg service or when hard alcohol is served. Hard alcohol means all Alcoholic Beverages except for wine or beer served in cans or bottles. Additionally, the following type of events require a bartender: weddings, wedding receptions, and memorial services. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to show proof the person serving Alcoholic Beverages is a qualified bartending graduate from an accredited institution (RBS and/or TIPS). The bartender CANNOT be a guest of the event and consume alcohol. The bartender must supervise the bar for the duration of alcohol being served (maximum of 5 hours).

The Director has the discretion to require a bartender for any event serving alcohol including events that will only serve wine and/or beer.

- j) An Alcohol Beverage Control (A.B.C.) License must be provided if Alcoholic Beverages are to be sold during the scheduled activity, if a donation is requested or admission is by donation, if admission is charged, or if presale is charged for an event where Alcoholic Beverages are present.

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- k) It is the responsibility of the Applicant to contact Alcohol Beverage Control to obtain a license. A letter regarding your event will be provided for you to present to the Alcohol Beverage Control License office. Contact Alcohol Beverage Control at:

28 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, California
(714) 558-4101

- l) A copy of the A.B.C. license must be submitted to the Community Services Department at least five (5) calendar days prior to your event.
- m) Any violation of these Alcoholic Beverages rules and guidelines will result in immediate termination of the event and the forfeiture of all rental fees and security deposit in full.
- n) If Applicant's event *is not serving* Alcoholic Beverages, as designated on the Applicant's Facility Permit, and Alcoholic Beverages are found in or around the reserved Facility, the event will immediately be terminated and the Applicant will forfeit all rental fees and security deposit in full.

Hardwood Flooring:

Due to the special flooring, hard-soled shoes, food, or beverages are not allowed in the physical activity room and gymnasium.

Animals:

Animals will not be permitted inside the Community Center unless they are service dogs/animals used by those requiring such assistance.

ATTACHMENTS:

- City of Laguna Hills Rental Fees and Deposits Schedule *(established by City Council Resolutions)*