

CHAPTER 5.52
Fees for Use of City Facilities

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5.52.010 Authority to Charge Fees

The City Council finds that the use of certain public facilities, including but not limited to, City parks and recreational facilities, the Community Amphitheater, the Community Center and the City Hall Council Chambers, hereinafter referred to as “City Facilities”, results in wear and tear and increases the frequency of and need for maintenance on said City Facilities. The City Council further finds that fairness and equity require that individuals and organizations who wish to utilize City Facilities must be charged a fee to offset the estimated reasonable costs incurred by the City for wear and tear, increased maintenance and other costs associated with such use.

(Ord. 861 § 1, 2017)

5.52.020 Schedule of Fees.

Prior to the effective date of the ordinance enacting this Chapter 5.52, the City Council shall adopt by resolution a Schedule of Fees for the use of City Facilities. The Schedule of Fees may be periodically updated at a public meeting of the City Council. (Ord. 861 § 1, 2017)

5.52.030 Exemptions or Partial Fee Waivers.

- (a) Use of the City Council chambers during normal business hours by governmental entities with the

permission of the City Administrator shall be exempt from this Chapter.

- (b) The Ripon Chamber of Commerce may continue to utilize its fee exemption for the Almond Blossom Festival, 4th of July event and the annual Hot Air Balloon event.
- (c) Any recognized non-profit organization which, prior to the effective date of the ordinance enacting this Chapter 5.52 had been granted a partial fee waiver in connection with its use of the Community Center or Stouffer Hall may continue to utilize its partial fee waiver (1/2 price) notwithstanding this Chapter.
- (d) City staff may allow additional Ripon-based non-profit entities the same partial fee waiver set forth in subsection (c) provided (i) more than one half of the non-profit entity’s members reside within the City limits, (ii) the entity is a recognized non-profit entity under the Internal Revenue Code, (iii) the entity’s primary purpose is to provide services and resources to benefit Ripon residents, and (iv) the entity has been operating and conducting regular meetings within the City of Ripon. (Ord. 861 § 1, 2017)

5.52.040 Prohibition on Fee Waivers

From and after the effective date of the ordinance enacting this Chapter 5.52, and except as expressly provided in this Chapter, neither City staff nor the City Council shall have the authority to waive, reduce or grant exemptions from any fee established pursuant to this Chapter, including but not limited to those fees set forth on the Schedule of Fees.

(Ord. 861 § 1, 2017)