



Dr. Frank G. Gruich Sr. Community Center (Main Floor) – Rates and Rules
591 Howard Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530

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RENTAL FEES:

MAIN FLOOR

Deposit	\$500.00
Rental Fee	\$500.00
Cleanup Fee	\$500.00
Rehearsal (1 hr min.)	\$ 25.00/hour (Mardi Gras Groups)
Rehearsal (1 hr min.)	\$ 50.00/hour
Day Before Load In (1 hr)	\$ 50.00/hour (not to exceed 8 hours)

*Any rehearsal over eight hours will be considered a full day rent and full rental cost for that day will be charged. Further, any load in lasting more than eight hours will be considered a full day rent and full rental cost for that day will be charged.

*Mardi Gras' Rehearsals, if any, will be conducted after 12 p.m. on Sundays. This is for Mardi Gras groups only whom have a ball booked in our facility.

*The cleanup fee is optional. If permittee plans to clean, then no cleanup fee is required. If permittee requests the Parks & Recreation Department cleanup, the cleanup fee must be paid at the time the rental fee is paid.

***In case of emergency and/or issues accessing the building please contact the following:**

Chris Seawright – 228-234-1699
Gaius Medley – 228-369-3210
Dispatch – 228-392-0641 or 228-392-5052

STAGE MEASUREMENTS:

40 FEET WIDE (SIDE TO SIDE)
21 FEET DEEP (WITH CURTAIN OPEN)
13 FEET (FROM CLOSED CURTAIN TO BACK)

SQUARE FOOTAGE: TOTAL 22,130

13,690 SQUARE FEET (FIRST FLOOR)
8,440 SQUARE FEET (SECOND FLOOR)

POLICIES:

1. The City of Biloxi Dr. Frank G. Gruich Sr. Community Center is owned and operated by the City of Biloxi and administered by the Department of Parks & Recreation. All groups wishing to book the facility are considered on a first come, first serve basis.
2. Only adults 21 years of age and older may reserve the Dr. Frank G. Gruich Sr. Community Center.
3. Center Hours: Activities in the center must be completed and everyone should be out of the facility at 2 a.m. If the renter elects to clean, then you must shut the function down at 12 a.m. (midnight), clean facility and be out by 2 a.m.
4. Occupancy Load Ground Floor - 575 people or less allowed on ground floor in auditorium provided chairs and tables used by occupants do not hamper access to exit doors and egress from exit doors.
5. Occupancy Load Second Floor – 330 people allowed where fixed seating is provided. No food or drink allowed upstairs or on balcony.
6. Tables and chairs are provided with facility. Number of tables and chairs provided is: 12 Foot Folding Tables – (49); 5 Foot Round Tables – (25); Folding Chairs-(530)
7. Use of the kitchen is included in the rental price. The stove shall be used only for warming food catered into the building. Frying fish, meats or other foods is not permitted. Major cooking must be done outside the building and will have to be approved by the Director of the Parks & Recreation Department. If so, it is to be at least 10 feet out from the building into the parking lot area. You are responsible for any damage and/or clean-up involved to the grounds.
8. No propane or butane canisters are allowed in the building, of any kind. If cooking outside the building you must be at least 10 feet away from the building or you will be asked to stop cooking. If so, it is to be at least 10 feet out from the building into the parking lot area. You are responsible for any damage and/or cleanup involved to the grounds.
9. Any special requests must be submitted in writing and approved by the Park& Recreation Department prior to the beginning of permittee's event.
10. Should you decide to clean the facility yourself, cleaning responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following: picking up litter; bagging litter and placing bagged litter in the outside garbage area; wiping down all tables and chairs used; place tables and chairs back in their original location; clean kitchen if used; sweep and mop entire facility areas used; clean all bathroom facilities; pick up trash and clean front entrance area. Failure to clean the area may result in forfeiture of the deposit and/or the denial of any future use of this facility by the above-listed individual(s) or group.
11. The employee on duty must approve decorating plans and materials. Nails shall not be used to attach decorations. Staples and tacks cannot be used on wood in Multi-Purpose Room. Only masking tape and blue painter's tape is approved for taping. Clear fishing line may be used to attached decorations to railings. Tape shall not be used on any floor or glass surface in the facility. Decorations shall not be attached to ceiling tiles or grid below upstairs railing. All decorations and any materials used to affix decorations to rails or tables must be completely removed by permit group following use of facility. Confetti and glitter are not allowed on tables or floors. Can glitter spray and silly string are not allowed in the facility or on the grounds. Smoke and/or fog machines are not allowed in the facility.
12. No person(s) or group(s) renting the Dr. Frank G. Gruich Sr. Community Center will be permitted to sell alcoholic beverages in the building or on the premises without written consent from the City of Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department. Requests must be presented in writing and will be considered on an individual basis.
13. Social, fraternal, charitable or City sponsored groups using the facility, with the

- authorization of the Director of the Department of Parks & Recreation, are permitted to bring alcoholic beverages for personal consumption, provided they do not sell to others and, further provided that the function is not intended for minors.
14. There will be no drinking allowed on the dance floor at any time. Kegs of beer are not permitted upstairs. Food and beverages served upstairs must remain in the rooms designated for that purpose.
 15. Glass bottle beer/wine coolers are not permitted in the facility. Styrofoam coolers are not permitted in the facility. Six/eight foot coolers are not allowed in the facility.
 16. Drinking alcoholic beverages during rehearsals is not permitted unless security is assigned to the rehearsal.
 17. Set-ups are provided and sold by the Concessionaire contracted by individual renting said facility. The ice which is provided by the City may be used by the person(s) renting the facility. Ice cannot be sold for profit.
 18. Alcohol is not allowed to remain in the facility once the function has ended. It must be removed.
 19. Certain technical items, listed below, may be available for rental through the City of Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department. Call the Booking Manager to inquire about availability:
 - a. Spotlights - \$25 each per day (Four available)
 - b. Sound Board - \$100 per day
 20. Should you decide to rent the technical options listed above (spotlights and/or sound board), a licensed technician must be hired to operate said options. You may provide your own technician or you may contact Dan McElhinny at 228-380-5235 to operate the spotlights and/or sound board. If you decide to provide your own technician, license paperwork must be provided to the Booking Manager.

The booking manager must be contacted for availability and full contractual details. Facility rental contracts are not listed on the city's website, only information. Any contracts and/or deposits mailed in without first contacting the booking manager will not be considered.