

Ordinance No. 2574

ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 14. MUNICIPAL FACILITIES OF
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, OF 1992

WHEREAS, the City of Biloxi is in the process of updating its ordinances pertaining to the rental of municipal facilities and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Biloxi City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Biloxi that Chapter 2, Article 14. Municipal Facilities of the Code of Ordinances, Biloxi. Mississippi, of 1992, be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION ONE: Chapter 2, Article 14. Municipal Facilities of the Code of Ordinances, Biloxi. Mississippi, of 1992, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-14-3. Municipal facilities available for rental.

(a) Rental of City Recreational Centers.

(4) Rental fees for city recreational centers and indoor spaces shall be assessed according to the following schedule:

(i) Biloxi Civic Center.

a. Full Ballroom: \$3,000.00 per day on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and \$2,000.00 per day on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. A \$1,500.00 deposit is required. Rental of the Full Ballroom includes use of four (4) dressing rooms, the green room and the coat room. Multiple day rentals are available at the following rates:

1. Day 1: \$3,000.00.

2. Day 2: \$2,000.00.

3. Each day after two days: \$1,000.00.

b. Ballroom A or Ballroom B&C: \$1,900.00 per day on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and \$1,200.00 per day on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Rental of Ballroom A or Ballroom B&C includes use of two (2) dressing rooms. A \$1,000.00 deposit is required.

- d. Ballroom B: \$1,250.00 per day on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and \$800.00 per day on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. A \$750.00 deposit is required. Rental of the Ballroom B includes use of one (1) dressing room.
- e. Ballroom C: \$750.00 per day on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and \$500.00 per day on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. A \$500.00 deposit is required. Rental of the Ballroom C includes use of one (1) dressing room.
- f. ~~Green Room /Meeting Room~~ is available for rent at a rate of \$50.00 per day and only as an add-on to the rental of a ballroom—the Full Ballroom. ~~There are no additional rental charges for the Green Room /Meeting Room, except that a deposit of \$200.00 is required~~
- i. Additional Fees.

24. Rehearsal Fee: \$100.00 per hour~~—~~, not to exceed four (4) hours. Please note that rehearsals are only permitted after 12:00 p.m. on Sundays and are restricted to groups that have rented the space for a ball. All rehearsals must conclude 15 minutes prior to rental time expiring to ensure all individuals have exited the building by the end of the rental time. Rehearsals lasting longer than & four (4) hours will be considered a full day and charged at the full rental cost. Rehearsals are subject to facility availability and are not guaranteed. Full bookings will be given priority over rehearsals.

(iii) Donal M. Snyder Community Center.

g. Additional Fees.

- 1. Rehearsals: \$50.00 per hour, not to exceed four (4) hours. Please note that rehearsals are only permitted after 12:00 p.m. on Sundays and are restricted to groups that have rented the space for a ball. All rehearsals must conclude 15 minutes prior to rental time expiring to ensure all individuals have exited the building by the end of the rental time. Rehearsals lasting longer than & four (4) hours will be considered a full day and charged at the full rental cost. Rehearsals are subject to facility availability and are not guaranteed. Full bookings will be given priority over rehearsals.

(iv) Dr. Frank G. Gruich, Sr. Community Center.

d. Additional Fees.

1. Rehearsals: \$50.00 per hour, not to exceed four (4) hours. Please note that rehearsals are only permitted after 12:00 p.m. on Sundays and are restricted to groups that have rented the space for a ball. All rehearsals must conclude 15 minutes prior to rental time expiring to ensure all individuals have exited the building by the end of the rental time. Rehearsals lasting longer than & four (4) hours will be considered a full day and charged at the full rental cost. Rehearsals are subject to facility availability and are not guaranteed. Full bookings will be given priority over rehearsals.

(vii) Saenger Theatre.

c. Additional Fees.

1. Rehearsals: \$50.00 per hour, not to exceed four (4) hours. Please note that rehearsals are only permitted after 12:00 p.m. on Sundays and are restricted to groups that have rented the space for a ball. All rehearsals must conclude 15 minutes prior to rental time expiring to ensure all individuals have exited the building by the end of the rental time. Rehearsals lasting longer than & four (4) hours will be considered a full day and charged at the full rental cost. Rehearsals are subject to facility availability and are not guaranteed. Full bookings will be given priority over rehearsals.

(viii) Woolmarket City Center, ~~-\$250.00 per day. A \$250.00 deposit is required.~~

a. The Woolmarket City Center is available for rent at a rate of \$250.00 per day. A \$250.00 deposit is required.

b. Additional Fees.

1. Rehearsals: \$50.00 per hour, not to exceed four (4) hours. Please note that rehearsals are only permitted after 12:00 p.m. on Sundays and are restricted to groups that have rented the space for a ball. All rehearsals must conclude 15 minutes prior to rental time expiring to ensure all individuals have exited the building by the end of the rental time. Rehearsals lasting longer than & four (4) hours will be considered a full day and charged at the full rental cost. Rehearsals are subject to facility availability and are not guaranteed. Full bookings will be given priority over rehearsals.
2. Load In: Load In on the day prior to rental is available at a rate of \$100.00 per hour, limited to 4 hours.

(c) Rental of City Park Spaces and Outdoor Venues.

(4) Rental fees for city park spaces and outdoor venues shall be assessed according to the following schedule:

(i.) A.J. Holloway Sports Complex.

a. Baseball Tournaments. Baseball fields are available for rent at a rate of \$1,500.00 per day for all five (5) fields, with a \$500.00 deposit required, for the purposes of conducting tournaments, ~~at the following rates:~~

4. ~~1 Field: \$300.00 per day.~~

5. ~~2 Fields: \$500.00 per day.~~

6. ~~3 Fields: \$700.00 per day.~~

7. ~~4 Fields: \$850.00 per day.~~

5. ~~5 Fields: \$950.00 per day.~~

b. Softball Tournaments. Softball fields are available for rent at a rate of \$1,500.00 per day for all five (5) fields, with a \$500.00 deposit required, for the purposes of conducting tournament, ~~at the following rates:~~

1. ~~1 Field: \$300.00 per day.~~

2. ~~2 Fields: \$500.00 per day.~~

3. ~~3 Fields: \$700.00 per day.~~

4. ~~4 Fields: \$850.00 per day.~~

5. ~~5 Fields: \$950.00 per day.~~

(xi) Popp's Ferry Recreational Area.

b. Pickleball Courts. Pickleball courts are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Advanced rental at a rate of \$35.00 for four (4) hours, per court, with a minimum of six (6) courts, will guarantee availability.

Sec. 2-14-4. Reduction of facility and equipment rental fees.

Any request a reduction in the cost of facility or equipment rental charges, ~~not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the rental fees~~ established section 2-14-3 will be presented to the city council for determination that the organization is qualified. In order to receive such a donation in the form of reduction in facility and equipment rental charges, (i) the proposed event must not be commercial in nature; and (ii) the organization must be a bona fide not-for-profit civic or eleemosynary corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi and granted tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service; or (iii) the proposed event must be for the purpose

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of supporting social and community service programs or (iv) the proposed event must bring into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of Biloxi and be helpful toward advancing the moral, financial and other interests of Biloxi.” All requests for reduction in facility and equipment rental fees must be in writing and include sufficient documentation to allow the city council to make a determination that the organization and/or event is qualified.

SECTION TWO: Upon unanimous vote of the members of the City Council, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage, because it serves the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of Biloxi, and good cause exists for same. If not a unanimous vote this Ordinance shall become effective as soon thereafter as is signed, certified, and as is otherwise provided by law.

The foregoing Ordinance having first been reduced to writing, was read by the Clerk and moved by Councilmember Gines, seconded by Councilmember Glavan, and was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:	Lawrence	Tisdale	NAYS:	None
	Gines	Glavan		
	Newman	Shoemaker		
	McGilvary			

The President then declared the Ordinance adopted this the 26th day of November, 2024.



ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Keii Campbell
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Paul L. Tisdale
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 27th day of November, 2024.

APPROVED:

[Signature]
MAYOR