Ordinance No. 2580

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.*

(1) Rental of city recreational centers and indoor spaces shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter 12, article IV, of this Code.

(2) Security and fire guards. If security and/or fire guards are deemed necessary, charges for city police officers and fire guards must be paid by the renter in accordance with section 2-14-5 outside of any rental agreement.

(3) Security/cleaning refundable deposits are required for rental of city recreational centers. In the event municipal property is damaged or the renter fails to clean the facility and restore it to its pre-rental condition, the city may retain security/cleaning deposit. Security/cleaning deposits are due at the time of booking.

(4) Renters may cancel reservations by giving notice of cancellation. If such notice is received not less than thirty days in advance of the reservation, all pre-paid amounts (including security/cleaning deposit and rental fees) will be refunded. Cancellations less than thirty days prior to the reservation will result in the forfeiture of the security/cleaning deposit.

~~(~~45) Rental fees for city recreational centers and indoor spaces are due thirty (30) days following booking and shall be assessed according to the following schedule:

a. *Biloxi Civic Center.*

1. *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 dressing rooms, the green room and the coat room. Set up is included in rental of the full ballroom. Multiple day rentals are available at the following rates:

   (i) ~~Day 1: $3,000.00~~ 2 Days: $2,500.00 per day.

   (ii) ~~Day 2: $2,000.00~~ 3 Days: $2,000.00 per day.

   (iii) ~~Each day after two days: $1,000.00~~ 4 Days: $1,750.00 per day.

   (iv) 5 Days: $1,600.00 per day.

   (v) 6 Days: $1,500.00 per day.

2. *Ballroom A or ballrooms B and 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 ballrooms B and C includes use of two dressing rooms. A $1,000.00 deposit is required. Set up is not included in rental of ballroom A or ballrooms B and C.

3. *Service corridor.* $150.00 per day. The service corridor is available for rent only as an add-on to the rental of ballroom A.

4. *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 ballroom B includes use of one dressing room. Set up is not included in rental of ballroom B.

5. *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 ballroom C includes use of one dressing room. Set up is not included in rental of ballroom C.

6. *Ballrooms A and B~~,~~ or C.* $2,500.00 per day on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and $1,625.00 per day on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. A $1,000.00 deposit is required.

7. *Green room.* Available for rent at a rate of $50.00 per day and only as an add-on to the rental of ~~the full ballroom~~ ballroom A, ballroom B, ballroom C or ballrooms A & B.

8. *West lobby area and courtyard.* $750.00 per day on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and $600.00 per day on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. A $500.00 deposit is required.

9. *Additional fees.*

(xxiv) Rehearsal fee: $100.00 per hour, not to exceed four hours in total per day facility is rented (e.g. three days of facility rental would allow up to twelve hours of rehearsal time). Please note that rehearsals are only permitted ~~after 12:00 p.m. on Sundays~~ on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays and are restricted to groups that have rented the space for ~~a ball~~ an event. All rehearsal times must be booked and paid for by the renter. 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 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.

b. *Biloxi Visitors Center.*

6. *Brielmeyer Room, Dantzler Room or kitchen.*

(i) Standard weekend rental (Friday and Saturday): $150.00 per day. A $100.00 deposit is required.

(ii) Weekday rental (Sunday through Thursday):

(A) Daytime (8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.): $~~100.00~~50.00 per day. A $100.00 deposit is required.

(B) Evening rental (after 4:00 p.m.): $100.00 per day. A $100.00 deposit is required.

c. *Donal M. Snyder Community Center.*

6. Additional fees:

(i) Rehearsals: ~~$50.00~~ $100.00 per hour, not to exceed four hours in total per day facility is rented (e.g. three days of facility rental would allow up to twelve hours of rehearsal time). Please note that rehearsals are only permitted ~~after 12:00 p.m. on Sundays~~ on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays and are restricted to groups that have rented the space for ~~a ball~~ an event. All rehearsal times must be booked and paid for by the renter. 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 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.

(ii) Load in: load in on the day prior to rental is available at a rate of $100.00 per hour, limited to four hours.

d. *Dr. Frank G. Gruich, Sr. Community Center.*

3. Additional fees.

(i) Rehearsals: ~~$50.00~~ $100.00 per hour, not to exceed four hours in total per day facility is rented (e.g. three days of facility rental would allow up to twelve hours of rehearsal time). Please note that rehearsals are only permitted ~~after 12:00 p.m. on Sundays~~ on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays and are restricted to groups that have rented the space for ~~a ball~~ an event. All rehearsal times must be booked and paid for by the renter. 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 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.

(ii) Load in: load in on the day prior to rental is available at a rate of $100.00 per hour, limited to four hours.

(iii) Spotlight: $25.00 per day, per spotlight.

(iv) Lighting board: $100.00 per day.

(v) Overnight storage: $100.00 per day.

e. *Natatorium.*

~~1. Pool: $50.00 per hour. A $100.00 deposit required.~~

~~2. Events: $50.00 per day plus standard costs of admission. A $100.00 deposit required.~~

1. Events during open hours of operation: $25.00 per hour plus standard costs of admission. Two-hour maximum timeframe.

2. Events during closed hours of operation: $50.00 per hour. A $100.00 deposit required.

3. Swim Meets with Equipment: $1,500.00 per day. A $500.00 deposit required.

g. *Saenger Theatre.*

1. The Saenger Theatre is available for rent at a rate of $750.00 per day. A $750.00 deposit is required.

2. Additional fees:

(i) Rehearsal fee: $50.00 per hour, not to exceed four hours in total per day facility is rented (e.g. three days of facility rental would allow up to twelve hours of rehearsal time). Please note that rehearsals are only permitted ~~after 12:00 p.m. on Sundays~~ on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays and are restricted to groups that have rented the

space for ~~a ball~~ an event. All rehearsal times must be booked and paid for by the renter. 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 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.

h. *Woolmarket City Center.*

1. Available for rent at a rate of $250.00 per day. A $250.00 deposit is required.

2. Additional fees:

(i) Rehearsal fee: $50.00 per hour, not to exceed four hours in total per day facility is rented (e.g. three days of facility rental would allow up to twelve hours of rehearsal time). Please note that rehearsals are only permitted ~~after 12:00 p.m. on Sundays~~ on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays and are restricted to groups that have rented the space for ~~a ball~~ an event. All rehearsal times must be booked and paid for by the renter. 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 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.

(ii) *Load in.* Load in on the day prior to rental is available at a rate of $100.00 per hour, limited to four hours.

(b) *Rental of city park spaces and outdoor venues.*

(1) All rental of city park spaces and outdoor venues for the purposes of hosting an event to which the public is invited, regardless of whether an admission fee is charged, shall be subject to the provisions of [this subsection (b)].

(2) Security and fire guards. If security and/or fire guards are deemed necessary, charges for city police officers and fire guards must be paid by the renter in accordance with section 2-14-5 outside of any rental agreement.

(3) Security/cleaning refundable deposits are required for rental of park spaces and outdoor venues. In the event municipal property is damaged or the renter fails to clean the facility and restore it to its pre-rental condition, the city may retain security/cleaning deposit. Security/cleaning deposits are due at the time of booking.

(4) Renters may cancel reservations by giving notice of cancellation. If such notice is received not less than thirty days in advance of the reservation, all pre-paid amounts (including security/cleaning deposit and rental fees) will be refunded. Cancellations less than thirty days prior to the reservation will result in the forfeiture of the security/cleaning deposit.

~~(~~45) Rental fees for city park spaces and outdoor venues are due thirty (30) days following booking and shall be assessed according to the following schedule:

a. *A.J. Holloway Sports Complex.*

1. *Baseball tournaments.* Baseball fields are available for rent at a rate of $1,500.00 per day for all five fields, with a $500.00 deposit required, for the purposes of conducting tournaments.

2. *Softball tournaments.* Softball fields are available for rent at a rate of $1,500.00 per day for all five fields, with a $500.00 deposit required, for the purposes of conducting tournaments.

3. *Soccer tournaments.* Soccer fields are available for rent, with a $500.00 deposit required, for the purposes of conducting tournaments at the following rates:

(i) One field: $250.00 per day.

(ii) Two fields: $400.00 per day.

(iii) Three fields: $500.00 per day.

4. *Tennis tournaments.* Tennis courts are available for rent are available for rent, with a $200.00 deposit required, for the purposes of conducting tournaments at the following rates:

(i) Two courts: $50.00 per day.

(ii) Four courts: $75.00 per day.

(iii) Six courts: $100.00 per day.

(iv) Eight courts: $150.00 per day.

5. *Practice.* Baseball, softball and soccer fields are available for rent at a rate of $30.00, if lights are not needed, and $45.00 if lights are needed. All rentals are for a one hour and 45-minute time increment, strictly enforced.

b. *Bi-Centennial Plaza.*

1. Private events: $250.00 per day. A $250.00 deposit required.

2. Public events: $500.00 per day. A $500.00 deposit required.

c. *Doris C. Busch Park Pavilion:* $150.00 per day. A $150.00 deposit required.

d. *Eagle Point Park Pavilion:* $50.00 per day. A $50.00 deposit required.

~~e~~e. *Hiller Park Pavilion:* $150.00 per day. A $150.00 deposit required.

~~d~~f. *HowHop Corridor (located under I-110).*

1. Charles R. Hegwood Community Market vendor rental.

(i) Monthly vendor rental: $50.00.

(ii) Yearly vendor rental: $150.00.

2. Skate park: $50.00 per day. A $100.00 deposit required.

g. *John Henry Beck Park & Restrooms:* $200.00 per day. A $200.00 deposit required.

~~e.~~h. *Lighthouse Park pavilion.*

1. Private events: $250.00 per day. A $150.00 deposit required.
2. Public events: $400.00 per day. A $200.00 deposit required.

i. *Miramar Park Pavilion:* $50.00 per day. A $50.00 deposit required

~~f~~j. *Point Cadet pavilion.*

1. Half pavilion rental: $150.00 per day. A $150.00 deposit required. Half pavilion rental is restricted to a maximum of six hours.
2. Full pavilion rental for private events: $500.00 per day. A $500.00 deposit required. Multiple day rentals are available at the following rates:
   (i) ~~Day~~ 1 Day Rental: $500.00.
   (ii) ~~Day~~ 2 Day Rental: $500.00 per day.
   (iii) ~~Day~~ 3 Day Rental: ~~$400.00~~ $466.67 per day.
   (iv) ~~Day~~ 4 Day Rental: ~~$350.00~~ $437.50 per day.
   (v) ~~Day~~ 5 Day Rental: ~~$300.00~~ $410.00 per day.
   (vi) Each day after five days: $300.00.
3. Full pavilion rental for public events: $1,000.00 per day. A $1,000.00 deposit required. Multiple day rentals are available at the following rates:
   (i) ~~Day~~ 1 Day Rental: $1,000.00.
   (ii) ~~Day~~ 2 Day Rental: ~~$750.00~~ $875.00 per day.
   (iii) ~~Day~~ 3 Day Rental: ~~$500.00~~ $750.00 per day.
   (iv) Each day after three days: $500.00.
4. Grassy area: $100.00 per day. Available only in conjunction with the rental of the full pavilion.
5. Setup. Setup on the night preceding the rental will be charged at a rate of $100.00 per hour, not to exceed four hours.

~~g.~~k. *Point Cadet Marina Tournament Area:* $250.00 per day. A $500.00 deposit required.

~~h.~~l. *Popps Ferry Causeway Park Pavilion:* $200.00 per day. A $200.00 deposit required.

~~i.~~m. *Popps Ferry Recreational Area.*

1. *Multi-purpose fields.* Multi-purpose fields are available for rent at a rate of $30.00, if lights are not needed, and $45.00 if lights are needed. All rentals are for a one hour and 45 minute time increment, strictly enforced.
2. *Pickleball courts.* Pickleball courts are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Advanced rental at a rate of $35.00 for four hours, per court, with a minimum of six courts, will guarantee availability.

~~j.~~n. Savarro Park is available for rent for practice at a rate of $30.00, if lights are not needed, and $45.00 if lights are needed. All rentals are for a one hour and 45 minute time increment, strictly enforced.

~~k.~~o. Todd Migues Park is available for rent for practice at a rate of $30.00, if lights are not needed, and $45.00 if lights are needed. All rentals are for a one hour and 45 minute time increment, strictly enforced.

~~l.~~p. *Town Green.*

1. Private events: $250.00 per day. A $250.00 deposit required.
2. Public/special events: $750.00 per day. A $750.00 deposit required.

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 Glavan, seconded by Councilmember Tisdale, and was adopted by the following vote:

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

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The President then declared the Ordinance adopted this the 25th day of March, 2025.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI CITY OF BILOXI HARRISON COUNTY

ATTEST: APPROVED:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 27th day of March, 2025.

APPROVED:

MAYOR