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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.
 - (5) Rental fees for <u>single events in city</u> recreational centers and indoor spaces are due 30 days following booking 90 days, more or less, preceding the event. and shall be assessed according to the following schedule:

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(6) Multi-year events:

- a. Multi-year events may reserve the date of the event for the second and/or third year by paying a right-of-first-refusal fee equal to the lesser of \$100.00 or 10% of the deposit for each year reserved.
- b. Rental fees for multi-year events in city recreational center and indoor space are due not less than 90 days, more or less, preceding the event.

(7) Rental fees shall be assessed on the following schedule:

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 Creel, seconded by Councilmember Nail, and was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:

Gray

Tisdale

NAYS:

None

Marshall

Glavan

Nail Shoe

Creel

Shoemaker

The President then declared the Ordinance adopted, as amended, this the 5th day of August,

2025.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

OF EDIT OF THE COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

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Submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the

day of August, 2025.

APPROVED:

MAYOR