

Park Facility Reservation Policy

Effective July 11, 2006

Intent

In an effort to provide for the efficient utilization of City resources, and to maximize the use of the City's parks and recreation facilities, the City Council has adopted this policy providing for systematic advanced reservation of park facilities.

Regulated Facilities

This policy shall apply to all City owned and operated facilities in the parks and on public lands generally available for use by the public at large, but periodically committed by the Hastings City Council for temporary use by specific individuals or groups. Public facilities not committed to such specific temporary use shall remain available for use by the general public on a first come – first served basis.

Consistency with Code of Ordinances

The City of Hastings Code of Ordinances provides requirements and regulations regarding the use of the City's parks and public facilities. In case of any conflicts between this policy and the Code of Ordinances, the requirements of the Code shall take precedence over this policy.

Procedure for Reserving Facilities

Facilities may be reserved up to a maximum of six (6) months in advance. Reservations shall not exceed three consecutive days in duration. Reservations shall be granted exclusively by the Hastings City Council. Reservations shall normally be granted on a first come – first served basis. The City reserves the right to reserve facilities or grant precedence to requests for facilities for programs funded by or officially sponsored by the City of Hastings. Reservations shall apply only to the facility specifically reserved and the immediate surroundings.

Fee for Reservation

There shall be a fee for reservation of a facility as set in the annual General Fee Resolution as adopted by the Hastings City Council. There shall also be a fee for disposal of garbage or waste material for events involving groups of 50 or more people as established in the General Fee Resolution.

Posting of Reservations

Reservations of facilities shall be posted at the subject facility in a conspicuous location to the fullest extent possible.