

Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza POLICY OVERVIEW

General info.

Open to the general public 5:00A to 12:00A Hours may be altered by City Council, City Manager, Events Committee, or Old Town Administrator for things such as: maintenance, safety concerns, special events, and inclement weather

Children's play area, pavilions, picnic tables may not be reserved independently



Plaza lighting is programmed to turn on 30 minutes prior to sunset and is manually turned off each morning by our Parks Maint. staff (approx. 7 am)

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Plaza restroom facilities currently open at 7:30A and are locked at 5:30P daily

Timing of locks on the restroom facility has been altered a number of times due to vandalism, damage, overnight stays, etc.



Private events

- For the purpose of this policy, the term "private" applies to any event to be hosted by a private entity charging admission to enter. The term is not representative of an event only open to a specific group or list of attendees (i.e. wedding, reunion, birthday celebration, etc.)
- Private events are limited to Hotel/Motel tax recipients only
- \Box No more than six (6) per year
- □ No outside A/V; must use City contracted technician
- The Plaza's promenade may not be included within perimeter fencing and shall remain open to pedestrian traffic at all times.
- □ Half Day: \$1,500 refundable deposit + \$2,500 reservation fee due at time of reservation Full Day: \$2,500 refundable deposit + \$5,000 reservation fee due at time of reservation



Prohibited Actions

□ Smoking

- □ Animals (excluding service animals)
- □ Materials/decorations attached to permanent fixtures in the plaza
- Open flames
- □ Fireworks
- □ Motorized vehicles (other than those with permission/in affiliation with a parade)
- No outside A/V equipment is permitted. Events requiring such services must utilize the city's contracted technician



Vandalism Example

Vandalism Abatement Report Vandalism Date: 2/23/2025 Location: Mayor Vera Plaza

Abatement Cost Summary: \$367.85 Staff Hours to Abate (2.5 hours): \$83.85 Material Cost: Paint Needed (4 gallons @ \$48.00 each): \$192.00 Painting Supplies & Abatement Materials: \$92.00 *(Includes \$50.00 for painting supplies and \$42.00 for abatement materials)*

During the last 18 months, a total of **20 incidents** have been reported totaling **\$3,983.78** in labor and material costs.



Replacement Costs

Last 18 months

Cornhole boards/bags: \$1,202.66

- Board replacement x 4
- Numerous bag replacements

Giant Chess: \$1,140.33

Children's play area: \$906.51

• Foam block/noodles refresher kit

Lawn furniture:

 During the last 18 months, a total of 3 furniture pieces have been repurchased totaling \$1,147.88.



Previous Input/Recommendations

Staff presented this item to the Community & Intergovernmental Relations Committee on 4/23/25. Their recommendations for the space were as follows:

□ Plaza restrooms to lock at 10:00 p.m. daily

Explore alternatives for the children's play area (blue foam blocks)





"Whirl & Twirl" Age Range 2-12 Max Weight: 35 lbs.

Cost:\$933.00





"Musical Flowers" Age Range 2-12

Cost:\$1,428.00 (each)





"Mini Cyclone" Age Range 5-12 Max Weight: 79 lbs.

Cost:\$2,168.00



"Moving Tunnels" Age Range 5-12 Max Weight: 400 lbs.

Cost:\$2,009.00



Discussion/Recommendations?

