



**MEETING DATE:** July 3, 2024

**PRESENTED BY:** Aida Lerma, Director, Mission Event Center

**AGENDA ITEM:** Discussion of Adoption of Fee Waiver and Discounted Rate Policy for the Mission Event Center - A. Lerma

**NATURE OF REQUEST:**

The Mission Event Center seeks to implement a policy outlining procedures for organizations requesting fee waivers or discounted rates for facility use to specifically limit the use of the MEC as a general public forum to ensure that the facility remains easily accessible to clients and residents doing business with the MEC. The MEC may offer fee waivers or discounted rates to non-profit organizations, government agencies, or educational institutions meeting the specific requirements outlined in policy.

The different fee waivers or discounted rates include:

Eligibility for 50% Discounted Rate- includes discount on room rental fees, equipment fees, service fees, and refundable damage deposit fee. Under this discounted rate, events must be open and available to the general public, free of charge, provide a public benefit, be non-partisan, be non-commercial and not for profit, be non-controversial and shall avoid advocacy of a particular position in areas of public policy dispute or controversy.

Eligibility for 20% Discounted Rate – includes discount only on the room rental fees. Organizations will be responsible for all other applicable fees (equipment fees, service fees, and refundable damage deposit fee). Under this discounted rate, non-profits, government agencies, or educational institutions may host revenue-generating events or provide trainings, seminars and meetings for their members.

Eligibility for 100% Fee Waiver – includes discount on room rental fees and all other applicable fees (equipment fees, service fees, and refundable damage deposit fee). Under this waiver, organizations must be in an official partnership with the City of Mission for a joint event.

No discounts or fee waivers are provided for security services. If security is required for an event, organizations will be responsible for all security fees and hiring such security personnel from the Mission Police Department at its own expense.

Organization may submit one (1) request annually for consideration of either a fee waiver or a discounted rate

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Seeking Council Direction

**Departmental Approval:** Finance

**Advisory Board Recommendation:** N/A

**City Manager’s Recommendation:** Seeking Council Direction *MRP*

**RECORD OF VOTE:**

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DISAPPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TABLED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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