

CITY OF APPLETON POLICY		TITLE: JONES PARK – RENTAL AND FEE SCHEDULE	
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I. Purpose

To provide a policy to authorize the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management Department to equitably administer rules and regulations, policies, fees and charges, and manage the use of Jones Park for private and/or community events. The Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management Department recognizes Jones Park provides quality of life uses for individuals, organizations and groups and brings certain benefits to the community, but has certain use limitations due to size, available facilities, site development, and location.

II. Policy

This policy authorizes the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management Department to charge fees for the use of Jones Park within the rate schedule established by the Parks and Recreation Committee and City Council. The Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management Department has also established guidelines for the preservation of the public’s health, safety, welfare, and to promote the responsible use of publicly owned property and facilities. To effectively manage, protect facilities, and promote wise use of urban spaces, this policy authorizes the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management Director and/or designees to:

1. Cancel and/or relocate any reservation that potentially threatens the integrity of Jones Park due to misrepresentation of information on the Facility Reservation Agreement, or if conditions of the facility or grounds would potentially create an unsafe situation.
2. Limit the availability of Jones Park for the city to perform routine and/or required maintenance and renovations to preserve the park’s integrity, including facilities, hard surfaces, turf, trees, vegetation, amenities, etc.
3. Deny any facility reservation application if the expected attendance would endanger public health and safety or compromise the condition of Jones Park.
4. Enforce park rules, regulations, and policies.
5. Require insurance coverage with limits established by the City Risk Manager for all activities or events scheduled for Jones Park.

III. Definitions

- **Jones Park** – Urban space located at 301 W. Lawrence Street consisting of the park, pavilion, performance stage and parking lot.
- **Local Non-Profit Organization** – Non-profit organization located in the Fox Cities that offers activity and/or event to promote quality of life experiences for citizens of Appleton and surrounding communities.
- **National Non-Profit Organization** – National non-profit organization that offers activity and/or event to promote its objectives and focus.
- **For-Profit Organization** – For-profit organization that offers activity and/or event for the primary purpose of raising money for its operations/objectives/programs.
- **Private Event** – Exclusive use of the park for an event and/or activity by an organization, group or individual that requires some or all of Jones Park to be closed to the public.
- **Exchange of Money** – The exchange of any money at an event or program that is held in Jones Park specifically reserved for that event or program.
- **Facility Reservation Policies and Procedures** – These policies and procedures are set forth on the back of the Facility Reservation Agreement and detail reservations, sales of concessions, cancellation/refund procedures, alcohol policies and damage policies.
- **Park Rules & Regulations** – Regulations adopted by the City Council and published by the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management Department. These rules and regulations are included with every Facility Reservation Agreement packet.
- **Processing Fee** – Fee charged to process a refund and/or cancellation request that is received before the reservation date.
- **Special Event** – An event or activity that meets the City of Appleton’s definition of a special event, and is held in a city park and/or special area, and exceeds the normal, ordinary or intended use of the park and/or special area.
- **Event Fee** – Fee charged for any rental of Jones Park facilities and/or parking lot that is determined to be a special event.

IV. Discussion

This policy defines how Jones Park shall be reserved by individuals, organizations and/or groups (herein “organizers”) for use of the facility. The policy shall also define the fee (s) charged to organizers for their reservation request.

V. Reservations:

1. All organizers reserving Jones Park will be billed in accordance with the established rate schedule, including but not limited to: reservation fee; exchange of money permit; tent permit; tent inspection fee; event fee for facility. Organizers that are non-profit need to provide proof of status.
2. All reservations of Jones Park shall be considered special events. The use of Jones Park for a special event that is private must be approved by the Parks and Recreation Committee and Common Council. All other reservations that are open to the general public will be subject to review by the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Management Department or their designee.
3. The reservation of Jones Park shall follow the procedures identified in the Special Events Policy and organizers will be required to pay all the fees required under the Special Events

Policy, including a separate “Event Fee” of \$50.00 as set forth in the Fee Schedule on the last page of this policy.

4. The rental of the performance stage and/or parking lot requires rental of the park pavilion.
5. The reservation request for Jones Park shall include the actual time needed for the activity or event, including the time period for all set up, tear down and clean up. The organizer who completes the reservation will be the responsible party and main contact for the event.
6. All reservations for Jones Park shall be considered for the entire day. Reservations for the same day by two different organizations or groups is not permitted unless written confirmation is received and approved by the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Management, from both organizers. The City of Appleton is not responsible for any additional service required to accommodate the multiple events. Each organizer will pay the full rate.
7. If an organizer performs set-up or take down of any equipment outside of the rental dates they will be charged for the full day, no exceptions. In addition, if these actions interfere with another rental, the City reserves the right to have any set-up removed at the organizer’s cost, which includes but is not limited to services provided by private contractors and/or third parties i.e., dumpsters, portables, tents.
8. Jones Park is available year-round; however, during the winter months (November through March), the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management Department reserves the right to limit access to any portion of the park and charge the organizer the actual cost to prepare the park for any activity or event. Preparations services during the winter months include but are not limited to snow removal, ice control, waste containers, etc.
9. Organizers that have reserved Jones Park for an event or activity shall have thirty (30) days after the date of the special event to reserve Jones Park for the same weekend and/or date for the following year. After thirty (30) days, the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management Department will make Jones Park available to other interested parties.
10. All other reservations for Jones Park are on a first-come, first-served basis and may be made no more than one (1) year in advance.
11. The Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management Department reserves the right to require a security deposit for any reservation based on the type of event, number of participants, use of facility, etc. The security deposit will be returned within 30 business days after the event if all conditions of the reservation request were met, including, but not limited to: facility clean-up, proper vacation of the facilities, keys not returned, removal of personal equipment/supplies/etc., and leaving the facilities and grounds in a clean and orderly condition. Damage and/or loss of property may also result in future rental requests being denied.
12. All facility reservation requests should be made at least ninety (90) days in advance of the reservation date, depending on the size of the event and/or need for street closures. Please refer to the Special Event Policy for a more detailed breakdown of the minimum number of days before the event to apply for a license and the costs associated with your Special Event. No special event license will be granted with less than ten days before the date of your event.
13. This policy shall become effective December 31, 2023, and shall remain in effect until it is modified, changed, and/or repealed.

V. Terms & Conditions of Use:

- The special event license holder must bring their copy of the approved reservation to the special event to show City personnel upon request. In all cases, special event license holders shall be given preference for the use of the space designated on the approved agreement.
- Motorized vehicles are allowed in the parking lot only. Vehicles are not allowed on any other park surface at any time; this includes trucks, cars, Utility Task Vehicles (UTVs), golf carts,

etc. used for the unloading and loading of equipment and supplies. Authorization may be given for unique circumstances but must be approved in advance by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management or designee.

- No equipment that utilizes fuels or electrical power shall be allowed within the park. Propane gas cooking equipment is allowed within the concrete food preparation area located outside the pavilion with prior authorization and approval. No cooking equipment shall be utilized within the pavilion. The parking lot may be utilized for food preparation if reserved accordingly, with prior authorization and approval.
- Organizers shall leave the facility in a clean and orderly condition. Organizers shall not remove any City equipment and/or supplies. The City will not be held financially or legally responsible for any damage or loss of property that occurs as a result of the rental and reserves the right to bill the applicant for repair and replacement costs incurred by such damage to parks and/or park amenities during the rented timeframe.
- Access to the Exhibition Center shall not occur through Jones Park for loading and unloading of equipment/materials/supplies, etc.

VI. Cancellation/Refunds:

- A full refund of the rental fee will be made if the reservation is cancelled more than 90 days in advance of the event. A full refund of the rental fee for a cancellation of Jones Park less than 90 days in advance of the event will be made only if the facility can be rented to another party for the date cancelled. Refunds are subject to a \$10.00 processing fee.
- A full refund of the rental fee will be made if the reservation is cancelled by the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management Department due to unsafe conditions, issues or concerns with park facilities, construction activities, etc. These refunds are not subject to the \$10.00 processing fee.

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FEE SCHEDULE

<u>Organization/Group</u>	<u>Park Rental Fees</u>	<u>Stage Rental Fees</u>	<u>Parking Lot Rental Fees</u>
Local Non-Profit Organization	\$125.00 per day	\$125.00 per day	\$125.00 per day
National Non-Profit Organization	\$175.00 per day	\$175.00 per day	\$175.00 per day
For-Profit Organization	\$325.00 per day	\$325.00 per day	\$325.00 per day
Private Event	\$525.00 per day	\$525.00 per day	\$525.00 per day

<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Exchange of Money Permit	\$25.00 per day \$100.00 per season
Tent Permit	\$15.00 per tent, per day
Fire Inspection (for tents)	\$25.00 per event
Processing Fee	\$10.00
Event Fee	\$50.00 per event