

**CITY OF IONE**  
**IONE, CA 95640**



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

*Larry Caputo, Commissioner*  
*Renee Hansen, Commissioner*  
*Dan Traxler, Commissioner*  
*Fern White, Vice Chairman*  
*Demi Wright, Commissioner*

**Monday, December 18, 2023**

**Ione City Hall**  
**1 E. Main Street, Ione, CA 95640**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**6:00 PM**

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**AGENDA**

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. ROLL CALL**
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**EACH SPEAKER IS LIMITED TO 4 MINUTES.**



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**F. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Introduction of New Commissioners

**G. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

**H. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. October 24, 2023 Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes  
*Recommendation: By motion approve the Minutes.*

**I. REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Basketball Court at Perry Earl Park  
*Recommendation: For information and staff direction.*
2. Dog Park at Howard Park  
*Recommendation: For information and staff direction.*
3. Request for Fee Waiver of Cattle Charge at Ed Hughes Memorial Arena  
*Recommendation: Recommend approval to the City Council for request of waiving \$250 cattle charge at Ed Hughes Memorial Arena for Amador County Stock Dog Trials.*

**J. COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS**

**K. ADJOURNMENT TO JANUARY 23, 2024**

**ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

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**CITY OF IONE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Meeting of October 24, 2023**

**Vice Chairman Day called meeting to order at 6:00 PM**

**A. ROLL CALL:**

Present: Fern Day, Vice Chairman  
Demi Wright, Commissioner  
Dan Traxler, Commissioner (Arrived at 6:10 PM)

Absent: None (Two Commission spots were vacant at the time of this meeting)

Staff: Amy Gedney, Interim City Manager  
Kasey Guevara, Administrative Analyst

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chairman Day led the Pledge of Allegiance

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Traxler to approve the Agenda

**AYES: Day, Wright, Traxler**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Larry Caputo: States that he is one of the new commission members and would like to be involved in the vote.
- Amy Gedney: Thanks Larry Caputo for his comment but states that his appointment still needs to be approved by council.

**E. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None**

**F. CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. August 29, 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes  
*Recommendation: By motion approve the Minutes.*
2. September 26, 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes  
*Recommendation: By motion approve the Minutes.*



**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*It was moved by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Traxler to approve Meeting Minutes for August 29, 2023 Parks and September 26, 2023.*

**AYES: Day, Wright, Traxler**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**G. REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Recreation Coordinator

- Kasey Guevara: Gave update on recruitment for the recreation coordinator position and the closing date of November 10, 2023.

2. Train Depot Park Update

- Kasey Guevara: Gave update on Train Depot Park. States that City Engineer gave an update at the October 3, 2023 City Council Meeting for a phasing plan. Movement on the plan will not happen until next spring.

3. 2023 Addendum to the Howard Park Master Plan\*

- Kasey Guevara: Introduces this item. States staff is bringing it back from first presenting it to the commission at the August 29, 2023 meeting. Discusses updates that have been made since the last time it was brought to the commission.
- Amy Gedney: Further discusses the addition of parking to the map and removing cars from areas where pedestrians would be.
- General Discussion: Specific additions to the map and how flexible the map would be.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Renee Hansen: Appreciative of staff's work on the master plan and has no issues with moving it forward. Offers help with grant applications when that time comes.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADDENDUM TO THE HOWARD PARK MASTER PLAN.**

*It was moved by Commissioner Traxler, seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve the addendum to the Howard Park Master Plan.*

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**AGENDA ITEM #H1**

**AYES: Day, Wright, Traxler**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**H. COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS**

- Discussion on combining the next Parks and Recreation Meeting and changing the date from the regularly scheduled meeting times. Planned for rescheduling on December 4, 2023.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned by Vice Chairman Day

Respectfully submitted,

Kasey Guevara  
Administrative Analyst



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**AGENDA ITEM #11**

**DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2023**

**TO:**

**FERN DAY, VICE CHAIRMAN  
DAN TRAXLER, COMMISSIONER  
DEMI WRIGHT, COMMISSIONER  
RENEE HANSEN, COMMISSIONER  
LARRY CAPUTO, COMMISSIONER**

**FROM: KASEY GUEVARA, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST**

**SUBJECT: BASKETBALL AT PERRY EARL PARK**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Form information and staff direction.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Fiscal impact has yet to be determined.

**BACKGROUND:**

Perry Earl Park is a one-acre City park located at the Corner of Fairway and Shakeley Lane. It features an open lawn area, shaded play structure, fire engine play structure and picnic benches. There has been desire to add a basketball court to the park. The City received a donation of \$20,749.59 from Mule Creek State Prison in November of 2021.

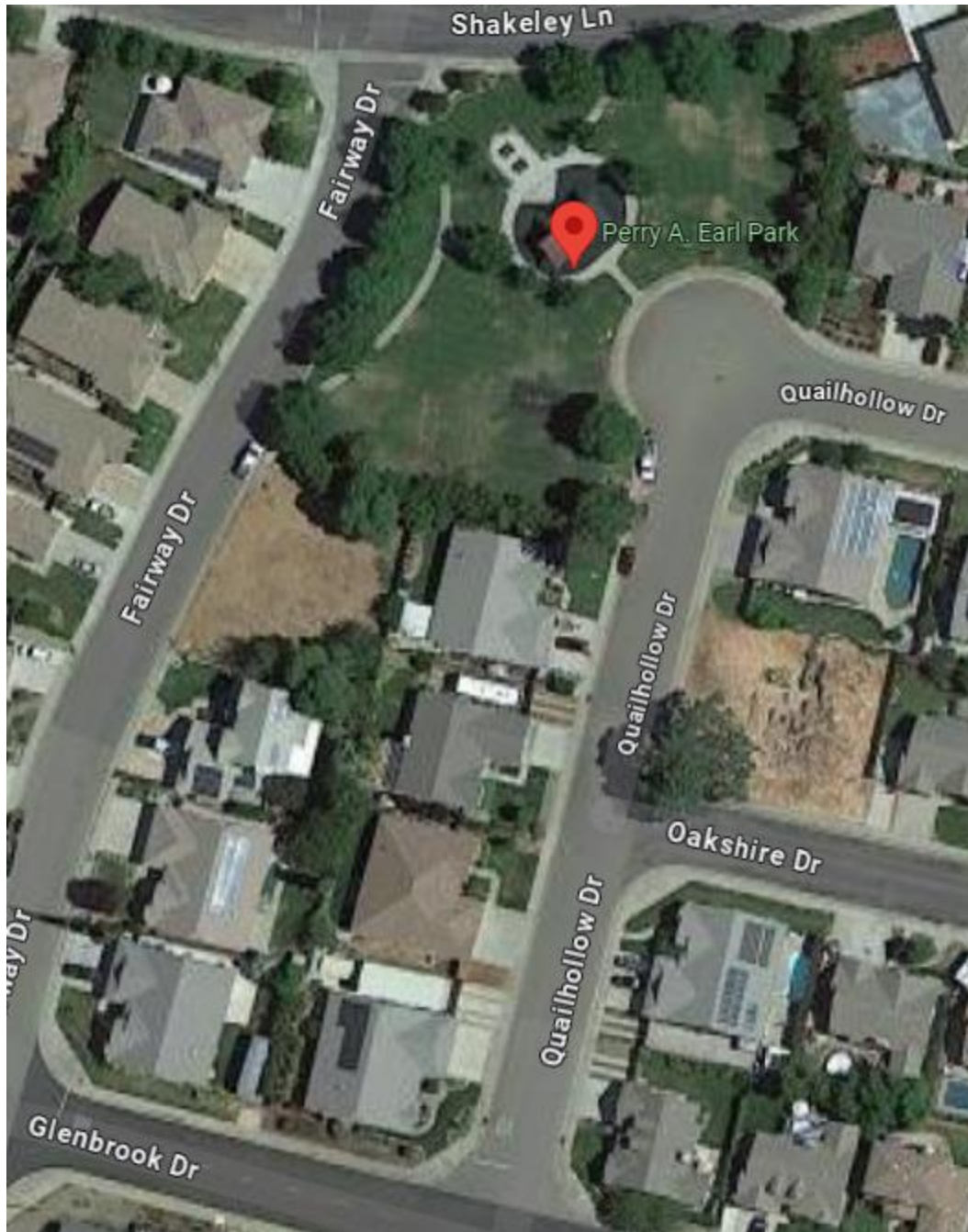
Current maintenance of the park consists of tree trimming, hedges, mowing once a week, checking sprinklers, sun shades in the summer and general maintenance. These duties take about 3-5 hours of maintenance a week.

**DISCUSSION:**

The idea of adding a basketball court to Perry Earl Park has been floated around for a number of years. Attachment I1A below shows an aerial view of the park with a vacant lot space to the south that has been the suggested placement for it in the past. It should be noted that three houses surround the space so noise will need to be taken into consideration.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment I1A: Perry Earl Park Google Earth View







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**AGENDA ITEM #12**

**DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2023**

**TO:**

**FERN DAY, VICE CHAIRMAN  
DAN TRAXLER, COMMISSIONER  
DEMI WRIGHT, COMMISSIONER  
RENEE HANSEN, COMMISSIONER  
LARRY CAPUTO, COMMISSIONER**

**FROM: KASEY GUEVARA, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST**

**SUBJECT: DOG PARK AT HOWARD PARK**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Form information and staff direction.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Fiscal impact has yet to be determined.

**BACKGROUND:**

The dog park located at the northwestern corner of Howard Park opened in March 2018 after previously being the site of picnic hill. Donations were given to build the park and it was formally adopted into the Howard Park Master Plan at the November 7, 2023 City Council Meeting. The dog park is heavily used by the community during the week and weekends alike.

The park is currently having issues with drainage and holes that were made due to a combination of dogs digging and squirrels burrowing. There is also an issue of park users not consistently picking up after their dogs.

Drainage of the park is the biggest concern at the moment. Since the park is located on a hill and does not have any grass covering it, the dirt is getting washed down hill and recently caused issues spilling into the roads in the park. From the perimeter of the park, it is possible to see where the mud is washing up against the fence.

**DISCUSSION:**

There are a number of potential improvements that could be made to the park. A retaining wall for example could be added around the perimeter of the dog park to prevent mud from washing into the roadway during heavy rain. Another option could be simply relocating the park to a more suitable area such as near the arena in the current livestock area or section off an area



behind the arena. Staff is looking for direction from the Commission on how we can improve the area.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment I2A: November Post-Rain Dog Park Photos











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**AGENDA ITEM #13**

**DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2023**

**TO:**

**FERN DAY, VICE CHAIRMAN  
DAN TRAXLER, COMMISSIONER  
DEMI WRIGHT, COMMISSIONER  
RENEE HANSEN, COMMISSIONER  
LARRY CAPUTO, COMMISSIONER**

**FROM: KASEY GUEVARA, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST**

**SUBJECT: CATTLE CHARGE AT ED HUGHES MEMORIAL ARENA**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Recommend approval to City Council for request of waving \$250 cattle charge at Ed Hughes Memorial Arena for Amador County Stock Dog Trials.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

City would receive the \$450 arena rental fee but not the \$250 cattle charge.

**BACKGROUND:**

Stock dog trials are competitive events that showcase a herding dog's ability to work livestock, often cattle or sheep. The dog breeds used are often border Collies or Australian Cattle Dogs and the trial demonstrates not only the dog's ability in ranching or farming operations, but the partnership between the handler and the dog.

Amador County Stock Dog Trial Group (ACSD) is a group composed of local individuals. Event producers do not make any income. The group encourages out-of-town participants to visit downtown and support surrounding local businesses.

Dog trials are newer to California with the majority of them taking place in NV, UT, ID WY, LA and TX. The trials currently operate on a non-profit basis in California. Trials in Ione have been growing with an increasing number of local handlers – both adult and youth alike.

**DISCUSSION:**

Amador County Stock Dog Trial Group (ACSD) would like to have the \$250 cattle fee charge waved. ACSD has had two 2-day trial events at Ed Hughes Memorial Arena since January 2023 and would like to hold a winter series at the Arena from January 2024 through March 2024. The current \$250 per event cattle fee is for the use of the alley way, roping chutes and roping boxes. Dog trials do not use these features seeing as most work is done on foot and cattle are not being roped. Comparable arenas in the area do not charge a cattle fee and are booked on a consistent basis.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment I3A: Request for Waiver of Cattle Charge \$250-Ed Hughes Memorial Arena/Amador County Stock Dog Trials
- Attachment I3B: Ed Hughes Memorial Arena Fee Schedule

VIA Email Transmission  
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December 8, 2023

City of Ione  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
1 East Main St  
Ione, CA 95640

**Request for Waiver of Cattle Charge \$250-Ed Hughes Memorial Arena Contract/Amador County Stock Dog Trials**

Dear Commissioners,

Please consider our request to waive the current cattle charge of \$250 per event, contained in the Ed Hughes Memorial Arena ("EHMA") contract for the Amador County Stock Dog Trial group ("ACSD").

**BACKGROUND**

ACSD events began in January 2023, to promote the sport of stock dog trials within Amador county. We have produced two, 2-day trials at the EHMA this year and would like to book a winter series in 2024 for January through March. The current arena contract for the City of Ione has a \$250 cattle fee, per event. For use of the alley way, commonly referred to as the Lane, and the roping chutes and roping boxes. Dog trials do not use any of these features. Roping events do. Dog trials are done at a walk and for the most part, on foot. Cattle are not rushed or roped.

The majority of arenas available for rent, use a flat rate that applies to all, charging additional fees for equipment, lights, horse pens, hook-ups, dry-camp and concession stands. Some arenas such as the Diamond Bar in Ceres, will lower their arena rate or at times give it away, to attract renters as their revenue is generated by amenities. They do not charge a cattle fee and have multiple cattle events, a few who moved from Ione to Ceres. Arenas, as a stand-alone with no amenities available, make very little profit, if any. Usually those are run by a non-profit membership group to support the upkeep of the arena.

Here is a list of arenas that compete with EHMA. None charge a cattle fee. Rancho Murieta is NOT a comparable arena to use as an example. It hosts worldwide events with multiple covered arenas, boards over 100 horses, has restaurants and shops. Rentals starts at \$10K and they have a full onsite crew to assist producers/renters with their events.

1. Triple Crown Equestrian Center-Lincoln: This arena is the best comparison in size, however, has multiple outdoor arenas, RV hook-ups, dry camp, covered horse pens, wash racks, and is set-up to run roping and other cattle events. It is well maintained and hosts events nearly every weekend and during the week. It is booked a year in advance and contracts with specific producers only to run events. No cattle fee.
2. San Joaquin Valley Rangers-Stockton: This arena is not covered and run by a non-profit membership group. It has no other arenas, very little parking, a small warm-up pen and a small concession stand. No cattle events are held. It is an active arena with great community support.
3. Clements Buckaroos-Clements: Very large, outdoor arena. Hosts multiple rodeo events, barrel races, Junior Rodeo events and miscellaneous fundraisers. It is run by a non-profit and membership based. They have difficulty getting club members to assist in repairs, help with club events and keep the ground groomed. It is rarely rented during the winter months and events begin in April and end by October. No cattle fee is charged. Their money is generated by amenities and fundraisers.
4. Miguel Machado Memorial Arena-Farmington: Open to public for riding, holds multiple cattle events, indoor smaller arena, lacks parking and warmup arena. No cattle fee is charged. It is booked consistently and popular.

## DISCUSSION

Of the areas identified for the use of the cattle charge, specifically the “roping boxes,” there is a variance as to the actual use. Often, the boxes are used during horse events as a spot to tie horses, school their horses (train for patience) or as overnight stalls during weekend events. Yet, horse events are not charged. Removing the cattle charge would eliminate the discrepancy between horse and cattle.

The flat rate cattle fee makes no sense. Is it a haul-fee or a use fee since it identifies areas of the arena. As an example, the arena was the short-lived home for the Gold Country Horse Sale. In 2021 while the arena was under management control, a local family started to promote their new venture, with the hopes the sale would grow. The first event was a huge success and brought 100’s of visitors to lone. No cattle fee was charged. They re-booked the following year through the city. The producer hauled in 10 head of cattle to exhibit the horse’s capabilities on cattle for approximately 1 hour, they did not use the areas identified and were charged a \$250 cattle fee. The same fee was charged to a roping clinic in April 2023. The clinic had significantly more cattle and used all the areas identified. ACSD events have also paid the \$250 fee, while not using any of the features. Neither the horse sale nor the clinic, returned to the arena. Included below, is a table of cattle events over the prior 4 years and the reason for not returning. The City took over management of the arena in June 2022.

Cattle Event History 2019-Current			
2019	Cattle Fee	Returned	Reason Given
Ranch Versatility	Yes	Yes	Local support for the arena
Jan 2020-June 2022	Cattle Fee	Returned after change in management	Reason Given
Team Roping Multiple bookings	No	No	Cattle Fee/Inconsistent Management/Ground Condition/Move to Elk Grove Private Arena
Ranch Versatility Multiple	No	No	Lack of amenities/cattle fee/Moved to Ceres/Plymouth
Sortings-Multiple	No	No	Cattle Fee/Ground Condition/Moved to Ceres
Team Penning-2 events	No	No	Cattle Fee/Moved to Oakdale
Cattle Driving-6 events	No	No	Attendance vs cost of cattle; loss of revenue
Dog Trials (Bisnett)	No	No	Cattle Fee/lack of communication
Dog Trial (ACSD)	Yes	Yes	Looking to grow sport, promote arena
Breakaway Roping	No	No	Cattle Fee/Moved to Farmington
Horse Sale	No	Yes	Embraced by community
Aug 2022-Dec 2022	Cattle Fee	Returned	Reason Given
Horse Sale	Yes	No	Cattle Fee/Excessive contract fees; difficult arena set-up; lack of amenities
New Breakaway/Ranch Rodeo Event	No	No	All arena fees waived by Arena Host in exchange for welding work to damaged tractor drag
2023	Cattle Fee	Returned	Reason Given
Feb Dog Trial (ACSD)	Yes	Yes	Promoting arena and growing sport
April Breakaway Clinic	Yes	No	Moved to another facility
Nov Dog Trial (ACSD)	Yes	Unsure	Cattle Fee

Currently, the ACSD group has been the only cattle group returning. ACSD would like to continue in lone, due to location for most members and the stock dog competitors enjoy the facility.



If the thought behind creating the cattle fee was due to the cattle themselves, it may come as a surprise that cattle actually make less of a mess than horses as they are confined to holding pens and pastures. Cattle are not “tied” to arena panels (horses pull back, damaging panels). Horses travel throughout the park and usually, their manure is not cleaned up. When backing out of trailers, horses drag manure/hay from the trailer floor out onto the parking area. Then the horses are tied to the trailers for hours at a time, and some not all, paw and pace creating ruts and deep holes in the ground. They are fed at the trailer leaving scattered hay and groomed leaving piles of horsehair. Rarely do the owners clean up or leave the spot as it found.

None of this occurs during a dog trial. Cattle have very little impact on the facility and no impact on the parking areas. They consume every scrap of feed and are only fed in the open pasture alongside the arena. Cattle are already a built-in expense at the cost of the producer, unless owned directly. Imposing a cattle fee on top of an expense is unrealistic which is why no arena charges one.

Renting cattle per head runs from \$35-\$70 per head, depending on the breed. The most recent dog trial in November, had a cattle expense of \$6200. Beef cattle are considered top of the line and to protect the dogs from injury, less expensive horned cattle are not used. Horned cattle are mainly used in roping and instinctually, run.

## **CONCLUSION**

Dog trials are relatively new to California and currently operate on a non-profit basis. Unlike other events, producers make no income. We look for a place to work our dogs, see our friends, enjoy the weekend, and hopefully cover the cost through entry fees. For serious competitors, the goal is the June finals in Wyoming. With the majority of trials in NV, UT, OR, ID, WY, LA and TX; keeping consistent trials in lone, would do away with travel for our local folks. Our last trial was a huge success, with several local spectators and activity on social media. Each trial continues to grow, with the number of lone residents and youth handlers increasing. It's a sport anyone can do, at any age.

ACSD is comprised of local individuals and focuses on supporting businesses in the area, such as Mane Street Tack, Lone Feed & Ranch Supply, Ace's Hardware, and the Lone Market. We promote local vendors during our events, by paying the city vendor fee directly, and encourage overnight participants to visit the downtown area during their stay.

In closing, our first request is for the Commissioners to consider waiving the \$250 fee and ACSD be charged the same rate as other arena users for the upcoming winter series and provide a recommendation to the Lone City Council for approval. By waiving the fee, ACSD will commit to continued rentals and in time expanding events to a larger scale. Secondly, we respectfully request a review of the Master Fee Schedule and a removal of the \$250 cattle fee, so all renters have equal access to the facility.

We thank you for your time in considering our request(s) and look forward to answering any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

*Amador County Stock Dog Trials*


Lone Residents:  
Alison Lafayne  
Amanda Burks  
Carol Hirschmann Wood

## FEE SCHEDULE

**Pre-paid Fees - 50% of total is required to hold requested date(s). Event dates will not be held or scheduled until a completed rental agreement is signed and submitted with a deposit. Cancellations must be submitted in writing and signed by Event organizer and City.**

**Balance is due prior to event set-up.**

\$450 per day :	# of days _____	\$ _____
\$100 per hour for private use: (Maximum of 15 riders and 3 hours)	# of hours _____	\$ _____
\$250 cattle charge per event– includes use of chutes and laneways		\$ _____
\$ 15 per hour lights	# of hours _____	\$ _____
\$ 25 each vendor and or concession space per day :	# of vendors _____	\$ _____
\$ 45 box stall per night * :	# of nights _____ # of box stalls _____	\$ _____
\$ 27 outside pen per night * :	# of nights _____ # of pens _____	\$ _____
\$ 18 Owner set-up pen per night * :	# of nights _____ # of pens _____	\$ _____
\$ 18 Dry camping per night :	# of nights _____ # of overnight vehicles/tents _____	\$ _____
\$ 50 per hour tractor and water truck use (tracked by hour meter– minimum of 1 hour per day):	# of hours _____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ _____

\$500 (fully refundable) Damage/Cleaning/Key Deposit. Any staff time incurred for cleaning or repair due to event shall be subtracted from this deposit. \_\_\_\_\_ Initials  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***\*Owner to supply their own feed, bedding, water bucket, and clean-up. Manure must be disposed of in provided container.***

Event organizer is responsible for tracking, collecting, and submitting fees. Vendor and camping permit applications will be provided to event organizer.

lone Police Department may conduct permit checks during the event .

**RENTERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

- Removal of all personal property from the Arena, surrounding buildings and grounds.
- Put all garbage in containers. If containers are full, remove, tie filled bags securely, and leave in the dumpster.
- No clean-out of horse/livestock trailers in the parking area or anywhere else aside from designated area.
- All manure and debris must be disposed of properly in provided containers. This includes stalls and pens.
- If tractor is used, it must be returned clean.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned and stocked by City the morning of event Monday through Friday. Stocking and cleaning of restrooms **during** event and on weekends is the responsibility of the renter.

**Cleaning/Damage/Key Deposit**

\$500 Refundable cleaning/damage deposit for full day rental (Includes grounds, structures, tractor, water truck).