

Town of Thetford, Vermont

FACILITY USE POLICY

Proposed June 6, 2022
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Purpose

The Town of Thetford has one or more facilities that are available for use by residents and members of the public. These facilities are available to all qualified users on equal terms without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, or other status covered by applicable state or federal laws or regulations. In allowing the use of these facilities, the Municipality will not discriminate against users of the facilities based on the users' particular viewpoint(s).

It is the obligation of the Municipality to ensure that its facilities are maintained in good condition and their use and maintenance do not impose an undue financial cost on the Municipality's residents. This policy is intended to help ensure that: the Municipality's facilities will be well maintained and accommodating and will provide a safe environment; and the Municipality will be fair and consistent with all parties wishing to use its facilities.

Facilities to Which This Policy Applies

This policy shall apply to the following facilities in the Municipality, which shall be available for rental during the following listed hours, at the following listed user rates, and with maximum occupancy as listed:

Facility	Available Hours	User Fee	Maximum Occupancy
Town Hall	8am – 9pm	\$50	50
Thetford Center Village Green	8am – Dusk	\$50	150
Treasure Island Facilities	8am – Dusk	Per Treasure Island fee schedule	Varies per facility Used

[Optional: If user fees may be waived by the Selectboard, insert relevant language here such as: By written request, the Selectboard may waive or reduce the user fee for events that are not-for-profit organizations and that serve a legitimate public and community good. Alternatively, the Policy may list different (lower) rates for non-profit organizations].

Priority of Use

The Municipality will make these facilities available on a first-come, first-served basis for individuals, groups, businesses, and organizations to rent during times when the facilities are not being used for Municipality programs or events sponsored by the Municipality and when they are not being used by Municipality staff, boards, commissions, or committees.

Facility Use

Any individual, group, business, or organization wishing to use municipal facilities shall notify the Town Manager or their designated agent of the date and time on which they wish to use such facility **at least ten (10) business days prior to event.** No use of a facility shall be permitted until a written Facility Use Agreement is executed by the Municipality, the applicable user fee and/or security deposit has been paid to the Municipality, and proof of insurance has been provided to the Municipality as required by the applicable Facility Use Agreement.

Security Deposit

In addition to the user fee listed above, a security deposit of \$100.00 will be required for use of **an indoor** facility. ~~when *[any applicable conditions, such as when a certain number of guests are expected]*.~~ An additional security deposit of \$150.00 will be required for events where alcohol will be furnished. Such security deposit(s) will be returned promptly to the User if no damage has been caused to the Facility and if all cleaning activities have taken place as specified in the signed Facility Use Agreement.

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs

~~The sale, possession, consumption, and use of tobacco, cannabis, and illegal drugs are forbidden on municipal property. The sale, possession, consumption, and use of alcoholic beverages are only permitted on municipal property as specifically described in a duly executed Facility Use Agreement.~~

The consumption or possession of lighted tobacco products or use of tobacco substitutes and cannabis in any form is prohibited on municipal property. The consumption or use of alcoholic beverages is only permitted on municipal property as specifically described in a duly executed Facility Use Agreement. The sale, possession, consumption, or use of illegal drugs is prohibited on municipal **prop**erty.

Obligations of Users

Use of municipal facilities must not disrupt the provision of municipal services. Nor shall use of a facility create a nuisance or disturb the quiet enjoyment of anyone using adjacent or common premises and facilities. Users must return the facilities in a neat, orderly, and clean condition after their use. Users will be responsible for, and liable to, the Municipality for all repairs to the facilities required as a result of damage caused by Users.

Effective Date

This Policy shall become effective upon adoption by the Selectboard, and the fees may be amended from time to time as deemed appropriate by the Selectboard.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Sharon Harkay, Selectboard Chair

Li Shen, Selectboard Vice Chair

Mary Brant, Selectboard Member

David Goodrich, Selectboard Member

Steve Tofel, Selectboard Member