



Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department (MPAR)
Facility Reservation Policy

1. **Reservation Procedure:** Reservations for Westlake House, Lakeside Activity Center and Goodbar Recreation Center may be made eleven calendar months in advance. Example: Beginning November, reservations for November through September can be made. Reservations for all other recreation facilities including gyms may be made three calendar months in advance. Reservations for non-operational hours must be made at least 7 days prior to the reservation. Call the Mesquite Parks and Recreation Administration Office at 972-216-6260 or visit our website at www.cityofmesquite.com.
2. **Residency Requirements:** The individual requesting a reservation must be at least 21 years of age. Residency documentation is required during the reservation process. A resident without a Mesquite address on their driver's license must provide other documentation, such as a recent rental lease or utility bill in their name. Employment or owning property in Mesquite does not constitute residency.
3. **Payment:** Payment is due at the time the reservation is made. Tentative reservations without payment will not be made. Payments may be cash, credit card or checks made payable to the "City of Mesquite" and must include driver's license number and date of birth. Payment cannot be made via telephone. Personal checks and credit cards cannot be accepted in any other name than the name of the reserving party.
4. **Cleaning/Damage Fee:** A \$50 cleaning and damage fee is required for Recreation Center Meeting Rooms and Green Canyon Room, which must be paid at the time the reservation is made. A \$100 cleaning and damage fee is required for Lakeside Activity Center, Senior Rooms and Florence Community Room. A \$200 cleaning and damage fee is required for Recreation Center Building, Westlake House and Goodbar Recreation Center, which must be paid at the time the reservation is made. If no damages or violations are reported, deposit will be refunded within three weeks after the conclusion of the reservation. **Customer must Check-in at beginning of reservation and Check-out with staff attendant at the end of reservation, otherwise cleaning/damage fee will be forfeited.** Fees for such charges incurred for excessive damage are the responsibility of the reserving party and will be invoiced and forwarded to the responsible party for payment.
5. **Transfer, Refunds and Cancellations:** 50% of the reservation fee will be assessed for any cancellations made less than 7 days from the scheduled date of the reservation. 25% of the reservation fee will be assessed for any cancellations made more than 7 days from the scheduled date of the reservation. A \$35 fee will be assessed for any changes after the facility reservation is set. Any amount that is \$25 or less is non-refundable.
6. **Reservation Periods:** A reservation is set up for the specific time period noted on the contract on an hourly basis. Building rentals must be reserved for a minimum of four hours. Reservation times must include setting up, decorating and cleaning the facility by the reserving party. Rental contracts and permits must be kept at all times in the possession of the person to whom it is issued. This person must remain onsite for the duration of the event. **The facility will be opened and closed only for the person named on the rental contract, ID required for check-in.**

The reserving party may occupy the facility only during the stated reservation period. Additional time may be purchased, if available, at least 72 hours in advance of reservation date for a \$35 change fee plus the additional cost per hour for each hour added. *Unused time is non-refundable.* **If reserving party does not show up within the first hour of scheduled time the reservation will be cancelled, and reservation fee will be forfeited. Leaving early without checking out with attendant will forfeit deposit.**

7. **Take Down and Cleaning the Facility:** The reserving party is responsible for cleaning the facility with equipment replaced to its original condition ready for the next reservation. The responsible party must review the condition of the facility with the Mesquite Parks & Recreation attendant prior to and after the function.

Responsible parties must sweep and/or vacuum the floor. **Mopping is required for any type of spill that occurs.** Patrons are also responsible for cleaning facility entries and restrooms. Litter created by a reservation must be removed from the facility and immediate grounds and bagged garbage is to be placed outside in the appropriate bins. Garbage bags and cleaning supplies are provided. Tables and chairs are to be cleaned and returned to their original location.

The take down and cleaning of the facility must be factored into the reservation period. Up to \$200 may be deducted from the deposit if the facility is not cleaned properly and/or the equipment not returned to its original location. Patrons should check with the Mesquite Parks & Recreation attendant in an effort to avoid these charges. A detailed custodial report will be prepared for the responsible party if charges are assessed.

8. **Additional Fees:** The reserving party will be responsible for all damages and/or missing equipment. The facility must be left in the same condition and all equipment replaced to its original location at the conclusion of the reservation. Fees will be assessed to correct damages. Custodial fees and late charges will also be assessed. Functions that extend beyond the stated reservation period are subject to penalties. A fee of double the hourly rate will be assessed for functions that extend beyond the reservation period. Additional fees affected by such charges will be invoiced and forwarded to the responsible party for payment.
9. **Alcoholic Beverages & Smoking:** Alcoholic beverages are prohibited within all reservation facilities except for formal functions at the Westlake House, Lakeside Activity Center and Goodbar Recreation Center where champagne and/or wine may be served for toasting purposes only, but not sold. Patrons are also prohibited from smoking cigarettes or electronic cigarettes inside the facility or within fifty feet from the entrance of facilities. Patrons will abide by all Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission rules and regulations. **NO CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL OUTSIDE THE FACILITY.** Individuals who have been consuming alcohol will not be allowed in the building.
10. **Decorations:** Interior walls may not be decorated. Nails, tape or pins may not be used to hang decorations. Evidence of decorations will result in loss of deposit, based on the time needed to clean or repair the affected areas. One unity candle can be used for weddings and one glass enclosed votive candle can be used as a centerpiece for each table. All other decorations with open flames (other types of candles, tiki torches, etc.) are not allowed. Confetti and silly string are not allowed. Use of the fireplace at Westlake House is strictly prohibited.
11. **Admission Fee and Other Charges:** Admission fees charged by the renter, or solicitation of funds in conjunction with a reservation is not allowed.
12. **Public Events:** Reservations are considered private events and are not to be open to the public. Parties wishing to hold public events must seek approval from the MPAR Director by contacting the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-216-6260.
13. **Attendance:** Reservation attendance is limited to the stated capacity of the respective facility and may not exceed the set number.
14. **Standing Reservations:** Standing reservations will be considered on a case by case basis only at the approval of the Director of Parks and Recreation. A Standing Reservation Application must be submitted for approval. There is an additional 25% fee per reservation for residents and 35% fee per reservation for non-residents.
15. **Dances:** Parties with dancing or a DJ will be considered a dance. Dances may only be conducted at the Lakeside Activity Center and Goodbar Recreation Center. Dances are not allowed at other recreation centers or Westlake House. Reservations that will include dancing must adhere to the following:
 - Age Groups 13-21:
 - An off duty Mesquite Police Officer must be present during the entire duration of the dance event. An additional fee of \$45 per hour will be assessed with a 4-hour minimum.
 - Reservations with dancing or D.J. must be made at least three weeks in advance.
 - Parties with minors present must have at least two adult chaperones (at least 25 years of age) per every 20 minors. Chaperones must be present throughout the entire event and remain inside the facility.
 - Attendees must be by invitation only.
 - All Other Age Groups:
 - For all other dances a Mesquite Parks & Recreation facility attendant must be in attendance during the entire duration of the dance event. An additional fee of \$15 per hour will be assessed.
 - Reservations with dancing or D.J. must be made at least three weeks in advance.
16. **Holiday Reservations:** Mesquite Parks & Recreation will not make any recreation center or building reservations for the following holidays: New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
17. **Non-Compliance:** Failure to comply with the policies and guidelines alone could be grounds to terminate reservation on site without refund and may result in loss of future reservation privileges.
18. **Indemnification.** *The Licensee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the CITY and its officers, agents and employees from and against all damages, injuries (including death), claims, property damages (including loss of use), losses, demands, suits, judgments and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses, in any way arising out of or resulting from any act or neglect or omission of the Licensee, its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, franchisees or invitees, in, on or about the Facilities. This indemnity shall survive the termination of this Contract/Permit. Licensee also hereby releases City from any and all liability or responsibility to Licensee or anyone claiming through or under License by way of subrogation or otherwise for any loss or damage to equipment or property of Licensee covered by any insurance then in force.*