

RESOLUTION 06- _____

POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF TOWN HALL PROPERTY

Whereas, the Town Council desires to make the Town Hall and Town property available for appropriate use primarily by and for Town residents;

Whereas, Council recognizes that it has a caretaker responsibility regarding Town Hall and the financial condition of the Town generally;

Whereas, Council finds that the Town Hall is generally only conducive to private business-type meetings, public hearings, public agency functions, service organization activities and functions generally involving similar activities and involving responsible adults or adequate adult supervision;

Whereas; it is inappropriate to utilize Town Hall for large gatherings that include the serving of large meals or imbibing of alcoholic beverages, or meetings that are impromptu or not subject to review by the Town Council;

Whereas, Town Council wishes to encourage public service and similar organizations to enjoy engaging in activities and functioning in the Town of White Hall;

Whereas; in order to encourage the aforementioned functions, it would be generally inappropriate to charge a fee for the mere use of Town Hall;

Whereas, Town Council recognizes that it maintains the ongoing right to deviate or except from these findings and this policy under appropriate circumstances;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

Town Council authorizes its attorney to draft a contract compliant with this Resolution and for the use of the Town Hall for private business meetings, public meetings, public hearings, adult service or civic organization functions, individual business meetings for entities from within the Town of White Hall, and similar activities and that said contract should protect the Town Hall and indemnify the Town from any damages related to said meetings;

Further, said meetings shall generally be limited to the size capacity of Town Hall, shall be in compliance with all laws, shall forbid the inappropriate preparation or service of food or the serving of any alcoholic beverages, shall not generally require a fee for the use of the Town Hall by persons or entities within the Town that operate as non-profit entities or persons, other than the collecting of a \$25.00 damage deposit which may be waived for non-profit entities, may require insurance indemnification on behalf of the Town and shall otherwise protect the standing of the Town and Town Hall and may charge a fee for any entities or persons from outside the Town of White Hall; and,

Furthermore, Town Council and its employees or agents shall generally follow the principals of this resolution; but, Town Council may choose to deviate from this resolution and said contract requirements in appropriate circumstances by a simple majority vote of Council present; and, it shall be the policy of Town Council to sponsor or encourage public interest events at the Town Hall so long as all meetings shall be

planned far enough in advance to allow a review of the scheduling of said meeting at a regular Council meeting; and, all meetings of entities from without the Town shall be subject approval and to an appropriate fee as set-out by a vote of Council.

Ratified: _____

Vote count: 5-0

1 abstention



Mayor



Recorder

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