

Festival Gardens

CITY OF ABILENE RECREATION DIVISION RESERVATION POLICIES

Alcohol & Smoking

The City of Abilene prohibits the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages inside any buildings, facilities, and park (Section 22-2). Violations could result in fines, penalties, and/or arrests.

City of Abilene buildings, facilities, and parks are “Smoke Free” areas (Ordinance #41-2014). Violations could result in fines, penalties, and/or arrests.

Reserving the Facility

In person reservations at the Community Services Department, 633 Walnut, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information, please call (325) 676-6217.

Advance reservations are considered on a first come, first served basis for up to a year in advance. Reservations are subject to any price increase approved by the City Council.

The person renting the City facility must be 21 or older.

Make the reservation at www.abilenetx.gov/signup.

Acceptable Payment

The City of Abilene accepts checks made payable to City of Abilene, Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover, Cash & Money Orders.

Cancellation Policy

A fourteen day (14) notice is required in order to cancel or transfer a reservation. There will be a \$5 charge for canceling or transferring a reservation. Reservations are not confirmed until the application and rental fee have been filed and approved by the Community Services Department

Need Assistance

For assistance on the weekends, please call the Recreation on call phone at (325) 668-1501

Compliance with all city, state, and federal laws is required. Facilities are not available for overnight use. The Community Services Department reserves the right to deny or cancel a reservation for failure to observe rules during previous use of facilities.

Failure to comply with any our policies could result in a forfeiture of the deposit and potential liability.



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Amenities

Festival Gardens is a lighted facility located in Nelson Park is an outdoor facility available for private rentals.

Kitchen facilities include a oven/stove, refrigerator/freezer, sink, and sliding glass window to serve food. It does not have indoor seating or air conditioning.

Barbeque grill is available for use. The grill is 24 inches X 54 inches barrell type. The necessary items are not included in the rental. Do not use barbeque grill(s) under the tree canopy.

Play features include a sand volleyball court, three horseshoe/washer pits, a half-court basketball area, and a playground. The City of Abilene does rent a sporting equipment grab bag.

The two covered pavillions are included in the reservation and come with 20 picnic that can seat up to 160 people.

The outdoor facility is open to the public when not rented.

Rental Fees

- Rental fee is \$120 for 8am to 3pm or 4pm to 11pm
- Rental fee is \$230 for all day
- \$50 damage deposit is required. Deposit can be refundable pending the event clean-up.
- \$5 administrative fee
- Commercial rates will vary

Reservation Rules

1. Reservationists are responsible for placing all trash in proper receptacles.
2. Nails or thumbtacks are not permitted for decorations, posters, flyers, etc..
3. Air Castles are permitted, but must be secured properly with sand bags, no ground stakes.
4. Water Castles and/or Water Slides are not permitted.
5. Return all table and equipment to location they were in at the beginning of the reservation.

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