

**City of Douglas**  
**Rules & Regulations for:**  
**DOGWOOD/MAGNOLIA MEETING ROOM**

(03-05-2025)

**Capacity 80**

1. The activity during the lease period stated in the contract must be a legal, wholesome event. The City of Douglas reserves the right to deny lease that will go against normal business practices.

**Reservations must be made by an adult (age 18 or older) with proper picture I.D.**

2. The City of Douglas agrees to furnish general lighting from the permanent fixtures, outlets and equipment in the building, heat or air conditioning, water for normal usage as now installed in the building. Circumstances beyond the control of the City shall not be considered a breach of this agreement and the user shall have the responsibility for furnishing any additional equipment and for removal of the same at the termination booking date.

3. The city **will not be** liable for the cancellation of any event due to acts of God, riots, strikes, labor difficulties or any other acts or occurrences including damage sustained from a previous event which is beyond the reasonable control of the City of Douglas. **Central Square Complex is designated as a Red Cross Disaster Evacuation Facility.** Due to this, at any given time, the Meeting Rooms must be made available, if the Red Cross has a need for its use. If this happens, any event booked in the Meeting Rooms will be canceled, possibly without notice, and the user will be refunded for the deposit and rental fees of the center. The City of Douglas is not responsible for any other costs for the user.

4. The **City of Douglas has absolute right to all concession sales.** No cooking grills will be allowed on building structure. **Please do not attach anything to the walls inside the facility.**

5. User agrees to hold the City of Douglas harmless for any personal injuries or property damage resulting from the conduct of any person/person on the Meeting Rooms property while the facility is leased in username, and user does accept responsibility of any damages that occur during the time the facility is contracted or under lease.

6. No person attending a general function will be allowed to possess any firearms, knives, or other weapon while present on the property. The only exception is if the nature of the event is for consumer trade, sell, and collectible show or sporting event related to weapons. Events of this nature can only be held in the City of Douglas facilities if adequate security is required and that weapons are properly secured prior to entering the event.

7. User agrees to pay the City of Douglas for all repairs resulting from damage while the facility is rented in the user's name, unless the damage is not the responsibility of user or patron. Users agree that usage will not cause any damage to the facility and that no flammable or explosive shall be allowed in the facility. Users agree that no stakes or posts should be installed in asphalt or concrete areas of facility. Structural damage to the building will be caused by the leasing party.

8. The user acknowledges that the leased premises are suitable for needs and purposes. User has the right to inspect the leased premises prior to accepting possession thereof and prior to executing this contract. If the user wishes to inspect premises prior to reservation, arrangements must be made with the Facility Supervisor or Parks & Recreation Director. User also accepts the same in its present condition as safe, sound and suitable for its usage. User hereby releases the City of Douglas from any loss or damage to property or injury to or death of any person that may be in attendance. User further agrees to hold the city harmless against any accounts of misuse of the premises by the user, its agents and employees.

9. In the event the user desires to have personal property insured against loss by fire or otherwise, he/she shall obtain such insurance at the user's expense. The city of Douglas will not be responsible for the protection of such property or items left overnight on premises, against fire, theft, accident, or other causes.

10. Rental of Dogwood and Magnolia meeting rooms **does not** include access to the gymnasiums.

There is an additional charge for the gymnasiums.

11. **PAYMENT** - User agrees to pay for the use of the Meeting Rooms, no later than two weeks prior to the event, as stated in the fee schedule attached. A deposit is required before you can book the facility. **If the booking date and event date are within a two-week period, payment is due in cash on the date the facility is reserved.** In the event the booking is canceled at least thirty (30) days prior to booking date, the City of Douglas **will refund** the deposit or payment to user, but if the user cancels within thirty (30) days of the booking date, the payment **shall not be refunded** by the City of Douglas.

12. **CLEANUP** - User will leave the facility in the same or better condition than found. **This includes placing garbage and debris in provided receptacles. No garbage should be left in the gymnasium, bleachers, meeting rooms, lobby, restrooms, or parking lot.** Failure to do so will result in forfeit of deposit for the building and user may be subject to penalty (or denial) toward future use.

13. **LEASING HOURS** are from 8:00am-11:00pm for any City of Douglas facility. If the user wishes to extend the closing hours (1:00am at the latest), there is an additional \$25.00 per hour open/close fee. All City of Douglas facilities close at 1:00 am. **NO ONE MAY REMAIN IN A BUILDING PAST 1:00am.** **User will be issued a key to the facility before 5pm on the business day prior to event date. It is the responsibility of the user to return the key the next business day after the event.** *If the key is not returned, or if any damage occurs to the facility while key is in the possession of the user, user will forfeit deposit.*

The leasing party will be prepared to take responsibility for the building on the stated date of the lease and remain responsible until the facility is vacated and secured.

14. **SECURITY** - User will agree to pay for a Police Officer(s) at **\$60.00 per hour** per security officer, *if the City of Douglas deems necessary.* The City of Douglas reserves the right to increase security if deemed necessary. User consents to allowing Police Officers or Sherriff Officers or Building Supervisor to patrol the parking lot and building during any function. User understands and agrees that if any approved City Official observes inappropriate activities that they have the authority to remove any or all the user's party from the premises and secure the facility and grounds. Users will ask any unwanted persons at the function to leave immediately, and should they fail to do so, users will call the City of Douglas Police Department at 911 and request assistance. Large group activities must have one (1) security officer per 50 people. Any exceptions must be approved in advance by the Facility Supervisor or the Parks & Recreation Director. Any private event, with alcohol being served, must have one (1) security officer per 50 people. All fees for the security officer are the responsibility of the lessee and must be paid in advance.

15. **JUVENILE ACTIVITIES** - Any activities for minors (18years of age & under) must have one (1) adult per twenty participants. These adults must be present during the entire event. All activities for minors must end by 11:00pm. All crowds must be dispersed no later than 11:00pm. The City of Douglas reserves the right to require Security for youth events ages 13 & up.

16. **NO SMOKING** is allowed inside any City of Douglas Facility. Violation of this will result in forfeiture of deposit. **NO SMOKE MACHINES/FOGGERS** are allowed in any City of Douglas Facility. **NO BIRDSEED** is allowed to be thrown inside/outside of any City of Douglas facility. For weddings, the user may use rose petals or rice.

17. **TICKETED/SALES EVENTS** – Any person or business selling tickets or selling merchandise in a City of Douglas Facility must have a business license and liability insurance naming the City of Douglas as an additional insured before the contract can be finalized. A copy of the business license and liability insurance must be attached to the facility contract. There is an additional charge of \$100.00 for ticketed/sales events. A Special Event permit may be required.

18. **SIGNAGE** – Signage for events may not be placed on city right of way. Any person, organization, etc. that uses a city of Douglas facility should not place signs on the right of way. If signs

are placed on the right of way, then the person, organization, etc. will be billed the cost of cleanup and possibly fined.

20. **ALCOHOL** – Permission to serve alcoholic beverages must be obtained in advanced from the Facility Supervisor, Parks & Recreation Director or designee. Alcoholic beverages may only be served if all in attendance is at least 21 years of age or older. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed to be served in the presence of minors. All events serving alcoholic beverages must be by invitation or private reception and cannot be open to the public. At any private event, where alcohol is served, the user must have one (1) security officer per fifty (50) people.

21. **SALE OF ALCOHOL** - If the lessee wishes to sell alcohol in a City of Douglas facility, the Facility Supervisor or Parks & Recreation Director must know in advance. Lessee must apply for a one-day special event permit through the City of Douglas Code Enforcement Office. A non-profit organization can apply for a temporary license to sell alcohol but, that is limited to two days per year, they must have a state license, and it must be approved by the City Commission.

Alcoholic beverages may be sold if:

- Lessee agrees to abide by all local and state laws regarding alcohol sales.
- Lessee has prior approval from the City Commission.
- All in attendance are at least 21 years of age or older.
- Users must have one (1) security officer per fifty (50) people.
- A copy of the local and state license must be submitted to the Facility Supervisor, Parks & Recreation Director, or designee before contract will be finalized. (See sale of alcohol attachment)

22. **CITY OFFICIALS** - At public events, users understand that at any given time, a City Official may enter a city building at no cost and observe the activities taking place in the building. The following are the current approved city officials: Mayor Tony Paulk, Commissioner Tony Paulk II, Commissioner Cindy McNeill, Commissioner Brenda Moore, Commissioner Michael Gowen, Commissioner Steve Bailey, Commissioner Edwin Taylor, City Manager Charlie Davis, Assistant City Manager Georgia Henderson Parks & Recreation Director Stevie Young, Assistant Director Willis Crockett and Facility Coordinator Carol Goodman. User has the right to ask for photo id before the City Official enters the building.

**DOGWOOD MEETING ROOM OR MAGNOLIA MEETING ROOM**

(A & B) Large Meeting Room

During Business Hours \$75.00 (8:00am until 5:00pm, Mon.- Fri.)

After Business Hours & Weekends \$75.00 + \$100.00 Deposit

**Day Before Setup after \$75.00**

Ticketed/Sales/Donation at Door Events \$100.00 Additional Rental Fee

**USER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SETUP AND BREAKDOWN OF ROOM.**

