



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

ORDINANCE O-26-04

AMENDING CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION), SECTION 41 (USE OF BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES OWNED BY OR UNDER THE SUPERVISION, CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS), SECTION 41.1 (AUTHORITY), SCHEDULE A OF SECTION 41.3 (FEES) AND SECTION 41.5 (WAIVER OF FEE) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS

WHEREAS, Chapter 2, Section 41 of the Code of the Borough of Highlands governs the use of buildings and facilities owned by or under the supervision, control and maintenance of the Borough of Highlands including the Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2, Section 41.1 designates the director of recreation to accept and process applications by not for profit entities to utilize the Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to allow for individuals and not for profit entities to utilize the Community Center for non-commercial purposes; and

WHEREAS, Schedule A (Chapter 2, Section 41.3) sets forth the general rules and conditions applicable to applications for use of the Community Center, including provisions stating that no alcohol is permitted within the Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has also determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to permit a process by which the Borough Administrator may approve or deny a waiver of the alcohol prohibition based upon information submitted by an applicant, including the requirement that the applicant provide proof of insurance and name the Borough as an additional insured on the policy of insurance; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has also determined that that is in the best interest of the Borough to correct Section 2-41.5 insofar as the waiver of fees is concerned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the governing body of the Borough of Highlands as follows:

SECTION I.

Chapter 2, Section 41 Use of Buildings and Facilities Owned By Or Under The Supervision, Control And Maintenance of the Borough of Highlands, Section 41.1, Authority, Schedule A Section 41.3 Fees, and Section 41.5 Waiver of Fee are hereby amended to provide as follows: (All additions are shown in **bold italics with underlines**. The deletions are shown as ~~strikeouts in bold italics~~.)

Section 2-41.1 Authority.

The governing body does hereby designate the director of recreation to accept and process applications **by individuals** and not for profit entities to utilize the Community Center **for non-commercial purposes**.

Section 2-41.2 Application and Approval.

No change.

Section 2-41.3 Fees.

As a condition of any approval, the borough will impose and collect a fee as set forth on Schedule A adopted herewith to defray additional building opening and maintenance costs incurred by the borough in connection with making the facility available and accessible to the applicant during non-business hours. In addition, for programs or activities that require staff assistance in addition to the opening of the center, a rate of \$50 per hour per employee will be charged.

Schedule A
(Section 2-41)

- A. Recreation Department Activities as Prioritized
- B. Must have Insurance as required by MEL/JIF (T.U.L.I.P. program), or homeowners policy if adequate.
- C. **No Alcohol Permitted Alcohol shall not be permitted unless a waiver is granted by the Borough Administrator. Any applicant seeking a waiver of the alcohol prohibition within the Community Center must submit a written request, which shall be reviewed and approved or denied by the Borough Administrator based upon the information provided. Where a waiver is granted, the applicant shall provide proof of insurance in amounts acceptable to the Borough Administrator and name the Borough of Highlands as an additional insured on the policy of insurance.**
- D. Dates of Availability are limited based on scheduling
- E. Exemptions from Fee: HHRS, HES, SHLL or cosponsored activities (HHRS and HES do not charge for gym or field use)

Community Center – Main Room or Small Meeting Room – Library General meeting space for specified activity as listed on the permit	Annual Permit Fee
1. Community Group (Highlands based)	\$50.00
2. Community Group (Nonresident)	\$250.00
3. Non-Profit (must have proof of non-profit status)	\$25.00
4. Human Services/Youth Activities	\$50.00
5. Homeowner/Condominium Association	\$50.00
6. Recreation Program – Independent Contractor	\$250.00
7. Recreation/Education/Health/Leisure Program – (Company or Business)	\$150.00 plus \$250 damage deposit
Exemptions from Fee: Henry Hudson Reg., Highlands Elem., Sandy Hook LL or any directly affiliated Borough of Highlands Organizations.	N/A

Community Center – (Building) Private Rental	Fee	Clean-Up	Damage Deposit	Kitchen (Cooking)	(Staff assignments will be made for all private rentals)
8. Resident – 1 to 4 hours (includes set-up and clean-up time)	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$250.00	\$25.00	
9. Non-Resident	\$1,000.00	\$50.00	\$500.00	\$25.00	
10. Resident – 4 to 6 hours (include set-	\$750.00	\$50.00	\$250.00	\$25.00	

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11. Non-Resident	\$1,250.00	\$50.00	\$500.00	\$25.00	

Other: Facility/Park/Group Use Requests	Fee	Damage Deposit
12. Park Use – For Private Event		
13,12. Resident 1 to 4 hours (includes set-up and clean-up time)	\$150.00/day	\$250.00
14,13. Non-Resident	\$500.00/day	\$500.00
15,14. Resident 4 to 6 hours (includes set-up and clean-up)	\$250.00/day	\$250.00
16,15. Non-Resident	\$750.00/day	\$500.00

Athletic Field (Kavookjian Scheduled Use)		
17,16 Public Event or Activity – hourly or daily rate as established	as set	as set
Exemptions: Rec. Activities, HHRS, HES, SHLL	N/A	N/A
18,17. Adult Sports League- 1 x per week during established season	\$400.00/use	\$250.00
19,18. Single Games (permit)	\$400.00/use	\$250.00
Exemptions: Rec. Activities, HHRS, HES, SHLL & Rec. Co-sponsored Events or directly affiliated Borough of Highlands Organizations.	N/A	N/A

(Staff assignments will be made for all private rentals)

Section 2-41.4 **Community Program Agreement.**

No change.

Section 2-41.5 **Waiver of Fee.**

Concurrent with the filing of an application pursuant to subsection 2-41.2, a not-for-profit corporation, may request that the fee provided for in subsection 2-41.3 be waived where the use of the building or facility is not primarily for fund raising purposes, or for other good cause shown.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance, which shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III. REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE.

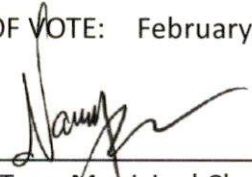
This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage as provided by law.

First Reading and Set Hearing Date for O-26-04:

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CERVANTES			X			
CHELAK		X	X			
MELNYK	X		X			
OLSZEWSKI			X			
BROULLON			X			

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DATE OF VOTE: February 18, 2026

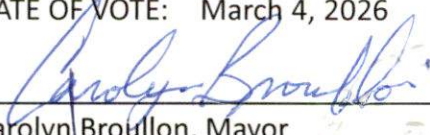

Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Highlands

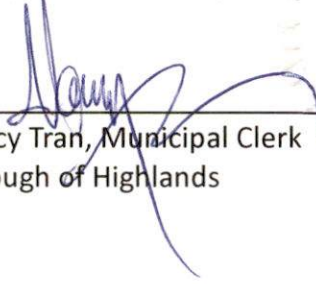
Public Hearing for O-26-04:

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CERVANTES			X			
CHELAK			X			
MELNYK		X	X			
OLSZEWSKI			X			
BROULLON	X		X			

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DATE OF VOTE: March 4, 2026


Carolyn Brouillon, Mayor


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