



Staff Report

Agenda Item: **REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF TOWN FEES FOR OPERATION GRADUATION** – Discussion and consideration of a request for waiver of the Town’s Fees for the use of Clark Memorial Clubhouse by Operation Graduation on May 21 to May 23, 2009.

Staff Contact: Walt Good, Deputy Town Clerk

Meeting Date: February 24, 2009

Background:

The Town of Clarkdale Council has supported Operation Graduation in the past because it offers a substance-free graduation celebration in a controlled setting. They will need the facilities for May 21, 22 & 23, 2009, for set-up, the event and clean-up. Event will happen on the evening of May 22, 2009.

The event is a public service which benefits the citizens of Clarkdale. The Town has had minimal problems in the past regarding this events use of the Clark Memorial Clubhouse. The wavier of the fees does not include the waiver of the damage/cleaning deposit, nor the insurance requirements.

Each year we have received an anonymous donation from Operation Graduation. Generally these gifts were specifically of benefit to the Clarkdale Clubhouse. For example, we have received \$500 cash used to purchase a set of fine chairs for the Ladies Lounge, a new refrigerator for the Pool, maintenance equipment for the grounds and other useful contributions for the Clarkdale Clubhouse.

Below is a chart of standard fees for use of the Clarkdale Clubhouse.

Facility	Fee	Use	Total
Auditorium	\$ 200/day	3 Days	\$ 600
Men’s Lounge	\$ 90/day	3 Days	\$ 270
Ladies’ Lounge	\$ 75/day	3 Days	\$ 225
Kitchen	\$ 60/day	3 Days	\$ 180
Public Works	\$ 25/hour	10 Hours	\$ 250
Grand Total			\$ 1,525

Included you will find a copy of the applicant's letter of request.

Recommendations: Staff recommends that Council approve to waive the fees for Operation Graduation 2009.

OPERATION GRADUATION 2009

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*Operation graduation...
keeping our children
safe.*

February 3, 2009

Clarkdale City Council
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Clarkdale, Az 86324

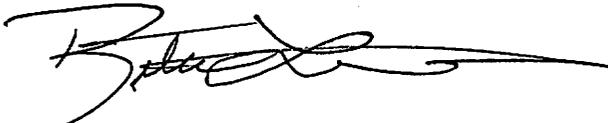
Dear City Council;

The parents of the senior class at Mingus Union High School would like to request the use of the Clarkdale Club house for Operation Graduation. This years event will be held the evening of Friday, May 22, 2009.

We are requesting the use from 9 am Friday morning till Saturday at 7 am.

Thank you for your past participation in this event. It is a night filled with fun and celebration. In an effort to keep the graduates of the Verde Valley safe.

Operation Graduation,



Rita Ledbetter