

CITY OF SONOMA TICKETS AND PASSES DISTRIBUTION POLICY

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Tickets and Passes Distribution Policy (the "Ticket Policy") is to establish a fair and equitable process for the distribution of tickets and passes in compliance with the requirements of Title 2, Section 18944.1 of the California Code of Regulations as now exist or may hereafter be added or amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission.

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, words and terms used in this Ticket Policy shall have the same meaning as that ascribed to such words and terms in the California Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code Sections 81000, et seq., as the same may from time to time be amended) and the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") Regulations (Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 18110 et seq., as the same may from time to time be amended).

- A. "City" or "City of Sonoma" shall mean and include the City of Sonoma, and any other affiliated agency created or activated by the Sonoma City Council, and any departments, boards and commissions thereof.
- B. "City Official" shall mean every elected official, officer, agent and employee of the City who is obligated to file an Annual Statement of Economic Interests (FPPC Form 700) under state law or the City's current conflict of interest code.
- C. "City Venue" shall mean and refer to any facility owned, controlled or operated by the City.
- D. "FPPC" shall mean and refer to the California Fair Political Practices Commission.
- E. "Immediate family" shall mean and refer to the spouse and dependent children of the City Official. The term spouse includes registered domestic partners recognized by state law and dependent children shall mean a child, including an adoptive child or stepchild, of a City Official who is under 18 years old and who the City Official is entitled to claim as a dependent on his or her federal tax return.
- F. "Ticket Policy" shall mean and refer to this Tickets and Passes Distribution Policy governing the distribution of tickets and passes in accordance with Section 18944.1.
- G. "Ticket" shall mean and refer to a "ticket or pass" as that term is defined in Section 18944.1, as amended from time to time, but which currently defines a "ticket or pass" as admission privileges to a facility, event, show, or performance for an entertainment, amusement, recreational, or similar purpose.

SONOMA TICKETS AND PASSES DISTRIBUTION POLICY PAGE 2

- H. "Ticket Administrator" shall mean and refer to the individual(s) selected to coordinate requests for tickets.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION OF POLICY.

- A. This Ticket Policy shall be applicable to every City Official.
- B. This Ticket Policy governs the distribution of Tickets received by the City that are either:
1. Gratuitously provided to the City by an outside source;
 2. Acquired by the City by purchase;
 3. Acquired by the City as consideration pursuant to the terms of a contract for the use of a City venue; or
 4. Acquired and distributed by the City in any other manner.

SECTION 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- A. No Right to Tickets: The use of Tickets is a privilege extended by the City and not the right of any person to which the privilege may from time to time be extended.
- B. Limitation on Transfer of Tickets: Tickets distributed to a person pursuant to this Ticket Policy shall not be transferred except to members of the person's immediate family or no more than one guest solely for their attendance at the event.
- C. Prohibition Against Sale of or Receiving Reimbursement for Tickets: No person who receives a Ticket pursuant to this Ticket Policy shall sell or receive reimbursement for the value of such Ticket.

SECTION 4. TICKET ADMINISTRATOR.

- A. The City Council delegates the authority to the City Manager or his/her designee to be the Ticket Administrator for purposes of implementing the provisions of this Ticket Policy.
- B. The Ticket Administrator shall have the authority, in his or her sole discretion, to establish procedures for the distribution of Tickets in accordance with this Ticket Policy. Such authority includes the power to distribute such a Ticket to the City Manager provided that doing so is otherwise consistent with this Ticket Policy. All requests for Tickets that fall within the scope of this Ticket Policy shall be made in accordance with the procedures established by the Ticket Administrator.

SONOMA TICKETS AND PASSES DISTRIBUTION POLICY PAGE 3

- C. The Ticket Administrator shall determine the face value of Tickets distributed by the City for purposes of Sections 5.A. and 5.B of this Ticket Policy.
- D. The Ticket Administrator, in his or her sole discretion, may revoke or suspend the Ticket privileges of any person who violates any provision of this Ticket Policy or the procedures established by the Ticket Administrator for the distribution of Tickets.
- E. For the purpose of implementing this Ticket Policy, and completing and posting the FPPC California Form 802, the Ticket Administrator shall be the "Agency Head."

SECTION 5. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH TICKETS MAY BE DISTRIBUTED.

Subject to the provisions of this Ticket Policy, the Ticket Administrator may distribute Tickets to City Officials under any one of the following conditions:

- A. The City Official reimburses the City for the face value of the Ticket(s).
- B. The City Official treats the Ticket(s) as income consistent with applicable federal and state income tax laws and the Ticket(s) are reported as income pursuant to the provisions of this T i c k e t Policy.
- C. The distribution of the Ticket(s) to, or at the behest of, the City Official accomplishes or furthers one or more of the following governmental and/or public purposes:
 - 1. Facilitating the performance of a ceremonial role or function by a City Official on behalf of the City at an event, for which the City Official may receive enough Tickets for the City Official and each member of his or her Immediate Family.
 - 2. Facilitating the attendance of a City Official at an event where the job duties of the City Official require his or her attendance at the event, for which the City Official may receive enough Tickets for each member of the City Official's Immediate Family.
 - 3. Promotion of intergovernmental relations and/or cooperation and coordination of resources with other governmental agencies, including, but not limited to, attendance at an event with or by elected or appointed public officials from other jurisdictions, their staff members and their guests.
 - 4. Economic or business development purposes on behalf of the City.
 - 5. Promotion of City resources and/or facilities available to Sonoma residents.

SONOMA TICKETS AND PASSES DISTRIBUTION POLICY PAGE 4

6. Promotion of City-run sponsored or supported community events, activities or programs.
7. To monitor and evaluate the value of City-run, sponsored or supported community events, activities or programs to the City including but not limited to evaluation of the venue, quality of performances and compliance with City policies, agreements and other requirements.
8. Promotion and evaluation of events, activities or programs at City venues, including but not limited to evaluation of the venue, quality of performances and compliance with City policies, agreements and other requirements.
9. Promoting, supporting and/or showing appreciation for programs or services rendered by charitable and non-profit organizations benefiting Sonoma residents.
10. Promotion of City tourism on a local, state, national or worldwide scale.
11. Business retention or attraction on a local, state, national or worldwide scale.
12. Promotion of City recognition, visibility, and/or profile on a local, state, national or worldwide scale.
13. Encouraging Sonoma resident and business support for and attendance at local events.
14. Encouraging participants in City sponsored programs to attend local events.
15. Attracting or rewarding volunteer public service.
16. Encouraging or rewarding significant academic, athletic, or public service achievements by Sonoma students, residents or businesses.
17. Attracting and retaining highly qualified employees in the City service.
18. Recognizing or rewarding meritorious service by a City employee.
19. Promoting enhanced City employee performance or morale.
20. As an incident to the above public purposes, allowing for the Immediate Family of the City Official to accompany the City Official to events to accomplish any of the purposes listed in this Resolution.

SECTION 6. TICKETS DISTRIBUTED AT THE BEHEST OF A CITY OFFICIAL.

- A. Only the following City Officials shall have authority to behest Tickets: City Council Members, the City Manager, and Department Heads.

SONOMA TICKETS AND PASSES DISTRIBUTION POLICY PAGE 5

- B. Tickets shall be distributed at the behest of a City Official only for one or more public purposes set forth in Section 5.C. above.
- C. If Tickets are distributed at the behest of a City Official, such City Official shall not use one of the Tickets so distributed to attend the event.

SECTION 7. OTHER BENEFITS.

- A. The distribution of Tickets pursuant to this Policy shall not constitute a “gift” to the City Official receiving the Ticket, however, other benefits, such as food or beverage or other gifts provided to the City Official that are not part of the admission provided by the Ticket, will need to be accounted for as gifts.
- B. If the City receives Tickets that are earmarked for particular City Officials, then the Tickets are considered gifts to that particular City Official. If these Tickets are not returned unused to the provider within thirty (30) days of receipt, then the City Official must comply with the applicable FPPC gift limit regulations and reporting regulations.

SECTION 8. POSTING AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.

- A. This Ticket Policy shall be posted on the City’s website within thirty (30) days of its adoption and the Ticket Administrator shall send to the FPPC by email the City’s website link that displays this Ticket Policy.
- B. The distribution of Tickets pursuant to this Ticket Policy shall be documented by the preparation and certification of FPPC Form 802, as amended from time to time by the FPPC. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the distribution of a Ticket, the Ticket Administrator shall prepare and certify a Form 802 and shall post it on the City’s Website. A copy of each Form 802 shall be forwarded to the FPPC.
- C. Tickets distributed by the City for which the City receives reimbursement from the City Official shall not be subject to the disclosure provisions set forth herein.