



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

Parks, Recreation & Beaches  
Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor



**Facility Rental Application**

Name of Applicant or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Renter Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Person Responsible at this Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Program/Activity with description(attach additional sheets if needed):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Facility Information**

Visit: [www.NBPRB.com](http://www.NBPRB.com) & select Rent a Facility under Rentals for the online application.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fort Taber Community Center  | Date: _____                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East Beach Parking Lot(s) - please select lot(s) below   | Set up Time: _____                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> South Lot <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Lot <input type="checkbox"/> North Lot   | Event Start Time: _____                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buttonwood Community Center  | Event End Time: _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brooklawn Community Center   | Break Down End Time: _____              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazelwood Community Center   | Approximate Number in Attendance: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low Tide Yacht Club  | Number of tables needed: _____          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fort Taber Bathrooms   | Number of chairs needed: _____          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Andrea McCoy Recreation Center (AMRC)  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnasium <input type="checkbox"/> Stage <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Purpose Room <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchenette <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Lab <input type="checkbox"/> Art/Crafts/Games Room |   |

(The Andrea McCoy Recreation Center has a separate application for sport/fitness rentals, please contact our department for more information. [McCoyRecCenter.Info@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:McCoyRecCenter.Info@newbedford-ma.gov))

**\*\*Deadlines for submitting Rental Applications are 30 days prior to the rental starting date. If the deadline is missed, you may have the option to expedite the rental process, pending availability. To expedite there may be a \$50.00 fee or you can adjust your starting date. During peak period parking accommodation is required at Fort Taber. For an additional \$40 an hour you may reserve a parking lot on East Rodney French Blvd (East Beach Parking Lots) for all attending your event. In some circumstances, this accommodation will be required by the Park Board. If not, each person attending the event must pay their own daily parking fees. Rentals may require a certificate of insurance, CORI Verification, a custodian, & a police detail. YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO FILE A SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION WITH DPI AS WELL WITH THIS RENTAL\*\***

Special Event Permit Application has been filed with the Department of Public Infrastructure  YES  NO

**Alcohol**

**Requests for alcohol must be approved by Parks Recreation & Beaches & New Bedford Licensing Board**  
***(Anyone who is found to have alcohol at an event without approval may be deemed ineligible from any future rental of a city facility)***

Will there be any alcoholic beverages served at your event?  YES  NO

**If the service of alcohol is being requested, the applicant must contact the Office of the Licensing Board immediately, for approval of a Section 14 Special One-Day License (s).  
Licensing Board Staff can be reached at (508)-979 - 1457.**

### Facility Use Policies

1. No alcoholic beverages shall be served, sold, advertised, or exhibited in the facility without the express written permission of the Park Board, the Department, and the New Bedford Licensing Board.
2. Nothing shall be advertised for, sold, admission charge, fundraising, or exhibited in this Facility without the expressed written permission of the Park Board and the Department.
3. The Facility's tables and chairs may be repositioned but must be returned to their original set up prior to leaving. Balloons are not allowed. **Cooking is not allowed at any facility, but food may be warmed. Renter is responsible for the cleaning of all kitchen facilities.**
4. The use of any inflatable toy such as bounce house or ball pit will not be allowed indoors at any time. Any outdoor use must be approved by the Park Board 90 days prior to the rental.
5. The designated "Person Responsible at this event" at the facility shall be responsible to maintain order among the attendees at this event; remove all trash from the Facility at the conclusion of the event, and; assure that the Facility's buildings and grounds are clean and restored to arrival condition prior to leaving.
6. The applicant individual and/or organization granted approval to use the Facility assumes responsibility for any accidents resulting in physical harm to persons or property during said use, and herewith releases and holds harmless the City of New Bedford, its employees, and agents from such liability. City of New Bedford may request insurance or bond from the renter.
7. **No Facility reservation will be held without payment.** Reservations are on a first come first served basis. A 3-hour deposit must be given to hold a date for events in advance. Full payment must be made 30 days before the event. Please contact the office for more information. [info.prb@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:info.prb@newbedford-ma.gov)
8. All cancellations on behalf of the renter should be made no later than 48 hours (2 business days) prior to the rental. If the rental is cancelled less than 48 hours, we cannot guarantee a refund to be made.
9. **A processing fee of \$50 will be held on any cancelations requesting a refund.** Refund can take up to 4 to 8 weeks. The city of New Bedford has the right to invoice the renter for any additional time.
10. Deadlines for submitting Rental Applications are 30 days prior to the rental starting date. If the deadline is missed, you may have the option to expedite the rental process, pending availability. To expedite there may be a \$50.00 fee or you can adjust your starting date.

### Waiver

In consideration of this application and/or the right to participate in this agreement, I or my designated representative, release the City of New Bedford, its employees, agents, representatives, and other persons or organizations for whose conduct the City may be responsible from any and all liability, loss damage, costs, claims and/or causes of action, including but not limited to all bodily injury claims and property damage resulting from or arising out of the use of premises, facilities, or equipment of the City of New Bedford, and/or caused in any way by the City of New Bedford, its employees, agents, representatives, and other persons or organizations for whose conduct the City may be responsible. I have been informed of the policies, including the refund policy, if applicable. I fully understand this waiver and voluntarily accept its terms. I certify, under the penalties of law, this information is correct.

By signing below, I am admitting having received and read the above and attached policies/rules/waiver regarding facility use of a city owned building.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### If the 30-day deadline has passed:

I wish to expedite my application if the facility is available. I am aware I may be charged a \$50.00 expedite fee.

I will adjust my starting date and **do not** wish to expedite my application.

### Rental Application Checklist

- ✓ Payment for facility rental
- ✓ Please make checks payable to City of New Bedford, please include in the "memo" section date of event and name of facility.
- ✓ Bounced checks/credit card transaction will be charged \$25 or 1% over \$2,500.00.

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS**

**Liquor Policy**

All events that are requesting alcohol must go before the Office of the Licensing Board, which is located in City Hall, Room 206. All events with liquor requests, being single or multiple days and/or personal or private event must go through a step-by-step process that is required and cleared through the Office of the Licensing Board. **LIQUOR PERMIT MUST BE DISPLAYED AT THE EVENT.** PRB, Park Board, or the Licensing Board may require a police detail for events serving liquor.

**Catering and Cooking Regulations**

There is no cooking at any of the Community/Recreation Centers. Kitchenettes (if operable) are allowed for use, but solely for warming food and storage. The City of New Bedford and the facility rentals do not have any bussing of tables or "day of event" staff other than a custodian who is the key holder the day of the event rental. The staff on duty are solely responsible for the building supervision.

**Cleaning Responsibilities**

The renter is responsible for the restoring of the building to its prior original condition. No party will leave without the cleaning of the building both inside and outside. Tables and chairs must be returned to an appropriate location which is directed by the staff on duty. All decorations/accessories must be removed and taken after the event. Trash must be put in appropriate bins/barrels. Recycling is mandated by the City of New Bedford. Please use the recycling containers provided. This must be done during your rental time. Failure to meet the standards of cleanliness required may be deemed ineligible from any future rental of a city facility.

**Parking**

Parking during non-peak times is provided based on the availability in the public parking lots. Each Community/Recreation Center in the city has a parking lot. During non-peak season, parking at the Fort Taber Community Center parking lot is included with the rental. During peak season, the Fort Taber Park is paid parking either by seasonal or daily pass. If the renter chooses to do so, an additional fee of \$40/hr. may be added to the rental rate to ensure free parking for the event and its attendees in a lot designated by the Department for event parking. Parking at the venue may run into challenges depending on the weekend/day of rental when other events are in a close proximity. Please consult with the Parks Recreation & Beaches office.

**General Information**

Every rental will be provided with one employee from the City of New Bedford. This employee will adhere to the times that have been permitted and instructed by his/her superiors. The employee on duty is not responsible for the flow or running of the event/rental. The employee on duty oversees the space and reserves the right to prohibit requests/actions based on his/her judgment and knowledge of the rules and regulations of the City of New Bedford and the Department of Parks Recreation & Beaches and any other department that is involved. The employee at any point can ask you to leave if you did not follow the rental agreement. Event organizers may need to file a special events application with the Department of Public Infrastructure as well. Please contact PRB with any questions. **PLEASE HAVE YOUR FACILITY USE PERMIT ON SITE WITH YOU THE DAY OF YOUR RENTAL.** Show this permit to the employee when entering the building.

**Decorating**

Decorations must be placed without any materials that could harm the building either interior or exterior. Absolutely no open flames on any city premises, including fireworks, unless approved by the Fire Department and Parks Recreation & Beaches departments. Decorating and set-up time is NOT included in the rental. The renter must pay for whatever time is needed to set up and prepare for their event. Also, they will take into consideration breakdown time as well. The use of any inflatable toy such as bounce house or ball pit will not be allowed indoors at any time. Any outdoor use must be approved by the Park Board 90 days prior to the rental. Please contact the office for additional information. No helium balloons are allowed in parks or park buildings.

**Outside Service Vendors**

The Department of Parks Recreation & Beaches must have contact information for any outside vendors that will be involved in the event. All vendors must fill out an "Outside Service Provider" form and agree with the rules and regulations set by the City of New Bedford and the department. These vendors should be made aware of the times reserved for set up and take down and the park regulations as well. Please use 1 form per vendor and see the last page of this application. Failure to comply with any/all these rules could result in the renter being deemed ineligible for any future rental of a city facility. Additional copies can be emailed and are available online and at the Park Department. The city of New Bedford may require proof of insurance from these vendors as well.

**Payment & Security Deposit**

No Facility reservation will be held without payment, a 3-hour deposit must be given to hold a date for events in advance. Full payment must be made 30 days before the event. Times can be changed up to **30 Days** before the event. Payment must be made in the form of a check, money order, or credit card. Any credit transaction will be charged a convenience fee, and any returned checks

are subjected to a \$25.00 fee or 1% of the check amount if the check is over \$2,500.00. Events may be required to obtain a Bond or property damage insurance. If the Park Board requires a bond/insurance, they will determine the amount for the bond/insurance. Bonds do not exceed \$5,000.00 and need to be received in the office no less than 30 days prior to the rental. **All checks should be made payable to the City of New Bedford.**

**Event Shut Down and Clean Up**

Renters are responsible for the prompt departure of their guests. If guests, vendors, or anyone affiliated with the party remain in the building past the event’s scheduled time of termination, the renter will be invoiced for the additional time. If the building is not cleaned or trash is left behind, you will not be allowed to rent a city facility in the future.

**Closings Due to Outside Circumstances**

The City of New Bedford Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Department reserves the right to cancel, postpone, or suspend any event at any time for health and safety reasons. In addition, if weather conditions do not permit the use of facilities, PRB may cancel or postpone any event at any time. No economic consequences shall impact on the City of New Bedford due to such cancellations. PRB staff will work with the renter in advance to limit this occurrence and help with securing a new date if feasible based on availability.

**Facility Rental Fees**

Fees do not include additional set-up and breakdown time. You must pay for all the time that is needed in the building. The peak period begins May 15<sup>th</sup> and ends September 15<sup>th</sup>. All rentals are 3-hour minimums.

***Non-Peak Period***

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Resident (personal use)</b>	<b>Non-Resident (personal use)</b>	<b>Not for Profit</b>	<b>For Profit</b>
Fort Taber Comm. Center	\$75/hr	\$95/hr	\$100/hr	\$125/hr
Low Tide Yacht Club	\$75/hr	\$95/hr	\$100/hr	\$125/hr
Brooklawn Community Center	\$65/hr	\$95/hr	\$95/hr	\$115/hr
Buttonwood Community Center	\$65/hr	\$95/hr	\$95/hr	\$115/hr
AMRC Standard Rental*	\$75/hr	\$95/hr	\$100/hr	\$125/hr
All Other Facilities	\$65/hr	\$95/hr	\$95/hr	\$115/hr

\*Additional fees may be required for supplies and/or additional rooms, please ask for more details

***Peak Period***

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Resident (personal use)</b>	<b>Non-Resident (personal use)</b>	<b>Not for Profit</b>	<b>For Profit</b>
Fort Taber Comm. Center	\$100/hr	\$110/hr	\$115/hr	\$150/hr
Low Tide Yacht Club	\$100/hr	\$110/hr	\$115/hr	\$150/hr
Brooklawn Community Center	\$75/hr	\$95/hr	\$95/hr	\$125/hr
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**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD  
PARK, RECREATION and BEACHES  
RULES & REGULATIONS**

This beautiful public space is yours to enjoy for relaxation & recreation. Please respect others & help keep it clean. The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of New Bedford, by virtue of its authority, has set forth the following rules, regulations, and requirements suitable for safe, reasonable, and orderly use of the parks. Violation of rules/regulations may result in the permit being revoked and potential fines governed by City ordinance. Any person(s) violating the established Rules/Regulations or constituting a public nuisance may be required to leave the premises. This beautiful public space is yours to enjoy for relaxation and recreation. Please respect others and keep our park clean.

**Prohibited activities:**

- Use of or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Use of vulgar or threatening language
- Operation of unauthorized vehicles on park property
- Parking or driving on the lawn
- Bicycles on the lawn
- Dumping or littering
- Vandalism of a tree, plant, or park structure
- Unleashed animals or any animal within 100 ft of a recreational area
- Fires, candles, fireworks, or firearms of any kind
- Feeding birds or wildlife
- Disturbing any birds/wildlife including habitat such as nests
- Use of metal detectors without a permit
- Golfing
- Smoking
- Performances, solicitations, or commercial activity without license from Parks, Recreation & Beaches
- Use of the facility/park after it is closed without proper permission
- Skateboarding except where indicated
- Sleeping
- No helium balloons are allowed in parks or park buildings.
- Food and/or drinks in the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center Gymnasium (only water is allowed)

***PLEASE ATTACH AN OUTSIDE SERVICE PROVIDER FORM TO THIS APPLICATION***

**If you have any additional question, please contact the office at (508)961-3015 extension 1 or  
info.prb@newbedford-ma.gov**



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD  
 Parks, Recreation & Beaches  
 Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor



**Outside Vendor Form**

Event Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Event Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Event Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Type (please circle one)

- |                    |              |              |             |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Portable Restrooms | Caterer      | Band         | Bar Service |
| Event Planner      | Photographer | Tent Company | DJ          |
| Other _____        |              |              |             |

I have read and understood the conditions governing the use of the facility and park rentals with the City of New Bedford and the Department of Parks Recreation & Beaches. My signature below acknowledges that I have read and understand the rules and expectations. Failure to comply with any or all of these rules could result in the Renter's loss of their security deposit or bond.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name of Signer

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Vendor Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Event Organizer's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

All outside service providers must fill out and submit an Outside Service Provider form upon contractual agreement with the renter and submit it to the Department of Parks Recreation & Beaches with the City of New Bedford. Vendor may also be required to show proof of insurance as well within 30 days of the event.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (508) 961-3015

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