

City of Carpinteria Veterans Memorial Building

Code of Conduct

Purpose

The City of Carpinteria Veterans Memorial Building (“Veterans Memorial Building” or “facility”) is a community space dedicated to serving residents, veterans, and visitors by providing opportunities for civic, cultural, recreational, and educational activities. To ensure the safety, enjoyment, and accessibility of this public facility for all, the following rules and procedures apply.

The City of Carpinteria reserves the right to modify these rules at any time.

Respect and Civility

- Treat all facility participants, renters, staff, volunteers, and visitors with courtesy and respect.
 - Abuse of any kind toward others, including intimidation, threats, or actions that may result in injury or harm, is strictly prohibited.
 - Profanity, bullying, or harassing language or behavior is not tolerated.
 - Disputes should be handled calmly or through the City’s formal complaint process, not through confrontation.
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Safety and Prohibited Items

For the safety and welfare of all patrons, the following are not permitted in the Veterans Memorial Building or on its grounds, unless specifically authorized by the City:

- Weapons of any kind.
- Illegal substances.
- Smoking or vaping.
- Entering or remaining in the facility while exhibiting signs of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Vandalism to, damage of, or theft of facility or personal property.
- Leaving personal belongings unattended in public areas.
- Unauthorized filming, recording, or photographing of persons without prior consent from the individual and the City.
- Use of bicycles, skates, roller skates, scooters, or skateboards inside the facility.
- Animals, except service animals as defined by law.

- Children using the facility without adult supervision.

Note: Alcoholic beverages are permitted only when authorized in writing by the City as part of a facility rental or event permit.

Facility Use and Accountability

- All renters and participants must comply with the terms of the facility rental agreement, including capacity limits, hours of use, and cleanup requirements.
 - The renter or group representative is responsible for the conduct of all attendees and guests.
 - Misuse of the facility, including failure to leave the premises in good order, may result in forfeiture of deposits, additional charges, and suspension of rental privileges.
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City of Carpinteria Veterans Memorial Building Enforcement Procedures

The City of Carpinteria Veterans Memorial Building is committed to maintaining a safe, respectful, and positive environment. Participants who engage in inappropriate, unsafe, or disruptive behavior may be subject to immediate removal and/or suspension of facility privileges. The City reserves the right to prosecute all violations of law, in accordance with California Penal Code 602.1(b) or otherwise.

Disciplinary actions may include:

- Verbal warning.
 - Written warning.
 - Immediate expulsion from the facility.
 - Suspension or denial of rental or participation privileges for one or more days. The effective date and length of suspension shall be determined by the Facility Supervisor or Parks and Recreation management, depending upon the scope and severity of the violation, and notice of such suspension shall be made in writing.
 - Civil enforcement action or criminal prosecution.
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City of Carpinteria Appeals for Denials or Suspensions

Facility participants and renters have the right to appeal any denial or suspension by submitting a written request for appeal prior to the start of the suspension. The written request for appeal should include the reasons for requesting an appeal and contact information. All appeals should be submitted to the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, located at 5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013. Appeals shall be heard by the Parks and Recreation Director, or designee, within 7 business days of the receipt of the request. The suspension will be tolled during the appeal process. The decision of the Parks and Recreation Director shall be final.