



## TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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**To:** Honorable Mayor and Town Council

**Date:** August 25, 2015

**From:** Ralph Wright  
Parks and Recreation Manager  
Parks and Recreation Department

**Item No:** 5

**Subject:** FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE BOY SCOUT TROOP 257 EAGLE COURT OF HONOR CEREMONY SEPTEMBER 26, 2015, AT THE JAMES WOODY AUDITORIUM

**T.M. Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Budgeted Item:** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

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### **RECOMMENDED: ACTION:**

For good cause shown, and finding a waiver will serve a public purpose, approve the waiver of the Facility Rental Fee of \$197.00.

### **SUMMARY:**

Boy Scout Troop 257 is requesting use of the Auditorium at the James Woody Community Center on September 26, 2015, for an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony. The ceremony is a celebration for three (3) new Eagle Scouts that completed projects that significantly benefited the community. One (1) scout's project included the design and installation of benches that were placed in James Woody Park, a beneficial improvement to our facility. Because Troop 257 is honoring three (3) new Eagle Scouts, they are unable to accommodate the expected attendance in their facility.

The request is for a fee waiver of the total rental fees of \$197.00. This is for use of the auditorium and kitchen. The organization will still be required to provide a Certificate of Insurance.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On August 14, 2001, the Town Council adopted a policy stating fees can be administratively waived for a local public agency, a utility company or service district, or a similar entity providing an essential service to the general community, whereas, non-profit requests for fee waivers must go before the Town Council for consideration.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Although there is not an ongoing demand that is displaced with the request on this particular day, the waiving of these fees will result in the loss of potential revenue in the amount of \$197.00.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Letter from the California Inland Empire Council – Boy Scouts of America



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The California Inland Empire Council-Boy Scouts of America  
Troop 257 Black Wolves  
20594 Tonawanda rd  
Apple Valley, CA 92307

Dear Town Council:

I know that you have been a big supporter of scouting in the past. As you are aware the Boy Scouts of America embodies values and leadership taught to young people worldwide. The California Inland Empire Council has a long successful history of currently providing our programs to approximately 45,000 youth from ages 5 to 21 residing in the Inland Empire area of Southern California. Our unit is Troop 257 "The Black Wolves" of Apple Valley and we currently serve over 50 Boy Scouts and their families.

We are seeking your assistance in the form of a "Fee Waiver" for the use of the James Woody Auditorium on September 26, 2015 in the amount of \$197. We will be using the facility for an Eagle Scout Court of Honor-honoring the achievements of 3 of our newest Eagle Scouts:

Erin Cherry: Erin's project was a coat drive held in November 2013 that secured the donation and distribution of over 6000 coats and other items of clothing that were donated to those in need in the Victor Valley.

Theodore Park: Theodore had built and installed park benches that were installed at Civic Center Park in Apple Valley.

Philip Querciagrossa: Philip's project refurbished the Stations of the Cross trail at Our Lady of the Desert in Apple Valley.

Each of these scouts has contributed greatly to our Community over the years in forms of Flag Service, help at Community Events and even their Eagle Projects themselves. We would like to Honor them at one time and sadly our meeting place cannot handle the amount of people to do this ceremony justice. We have long had a good relationship with the Town and our Scouting Units and our Chartered Organization (The Optimist Club of Apple Valley) and would appreciate any help you can give us in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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Troop 257 Committee Chair  
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Troop 257 Scoutmaster  
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