



# Takoma Park City Council Meeting – January 8, 2025

## Agenda Item 1

### **Voting Session**

Resolution Granting a Waiver of the Auditorium Rental Fee for a Troop 33 Eagle Scout Ceremony

### **Recommended Council Action**

Approve the resolution.

### **Context with Key Issues**

On December 4, 2024, Mr. Bruce Anderson, White Oak District Commissioner of the Scouts and parent of one of the new Eagle Scouts, attended a City Council meeting to request a waiver of the rental fee to use the Auditorium for a Troop 33 Eagle Scout Ceremony. The ceremony is to recognize four Takoma Park young people who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Troop 33 is eligible to receive five free room rentals per year, but the free rental program does not include the Auditorium.

The Auditorium rental fee for nonprofit groups is \$150 per hour, with a four-hour minimum. Use of the Auditorium typically requires assignment of City TV staff to facilitate use of AV equipment. The fee for AV services is \$55 per hour. Events scheduled outside of regular Community Center hours also require a fee for a staff member for the front desk who can open and/or close the building.

Mr. Anderson has indicated that the ceremony will not require sound amplification or other AV services. The larger space is only needed to accommodate the families and friends of the four newly-minted Eagle Scouts. Additionally, the ceremony will take place on Sunday, February 9, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., during hours that the Community Center is regularly open.

The Boy Scouts have historically performed a wide array of voluntary community service projects that have benefitted the residents of Takoma Park. City staff recommend this request for a fee waiver be granted.

### **Council Priority**

Advancing a community of belonging.

### **Environmental Considerations**

N/A

### **Fiscal Considerations**

The City will forego the minimum \$600 fee that would be charged for use of the Auditorium. There are no other reservation requests to use the Auditorium for the day and time in question.

### **Racial Equity Considerations**

Troop 33 strives to serve the whole Takoma Park community and conducts outreach efforts in all parts of the city.

## **Attachments and Links**

Draft resolution

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2025-**

**AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF THE AUDITORIUM RENTAL FEE FOR  
A TROOP 33 EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY**

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2024, the City Council received a request to waive the Auditorium rental fee for a Troop 33 Eagle Scout Ceremony recognizing four Takoma Park young people who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, the ceremony will take place during Community Center open hours and will not require AV services; and

WHEREAS, the regular rental fee for a nonprofit group is \$150 per hour, with a minimum of four hours; and

WHEREAS, the ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, February 9, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the request in recognition that the Boy Scouts have historically performed a wide array of voluntary community service projects that have benefitted the residents of Takoma Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK THAT the Auditorium rental fee is hereby waived for the Eagle Scout Ceremony on Sunday, February 9, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.