

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
RESOLUTION NO.
SERIES 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
AMENDING CITY COUNCIL POLICY A-15, CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW TICKET DISTRIBUTION POLICY
FOR SHORELINE AMPHITHEATRE AND OTHER TICKETS

WHEREAS, Council Policy A-15, established by Resolution No. 15308 and amended by Resolution No. 18573, governs the distribute of tickets received by the City and related disclosure requirements; and

WHEREAS, Council Policy A-15 is drafted to conform with the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) regulations issued under the Political Reform Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Council Policy A-15 to ensure compliance with the FPPC's regulations and ensure ease of administration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the City Council of the City of Mountain View hereby amends Council Policy A-15, City of Mountain View Ticket Distribution Policy for Shoreline Amphitheatre and Other Tickets, as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Exhibit: A. Council Policy A-15

CITY COUNCIL POLICY

SUBJECT: CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW TICKET DISTRIBUTION POLICY FOR
SHORELINE AMPHITHEATRE AND OTHER TICKETS

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PURPOSE:

To establish a policy governing the distribution of tickets received by the City. This Policy is drafted consistent with 2 California Code of Regulations, Section 18944.1.

I. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise provided herein, words and terms used shall have the same meaning as such words and terms are defined in the California Political Reform Act of 1974 and the regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) as same may be amended from time to time.

“Certificate”—A certificate issued by the City of Mountain View to a Certificate Recipient at the behest of a City Councilmember. Each Certificate is valid for two (2) individual tickets to a single Shoreline Amphitheatre event.

“Certificate Recipient”—A nonprofit organization that serves the Mountain View community.

“Certificate Tickets”—Individual tickets issued in exchange for a Certificate.

“City Official”—Every member, officer, or regular full-time, regular part-time, or limited-period employee of the City of Mountain View, as defined in Government Code Section 82048 and 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18700. Such term shall include, but is not limited to, any City Councilmember or other appointed official or employee required to file a Statement of Economic Interests (FPPC Form 700). Temporary or contract employees and members of the Youth Advisory Committee shall not be considered City Officials for purposes of this Policy.

“Immediate Family”—The spouse and dependent children of the City Official. The term “spouse” includes registered domestic partners recognized by state law. The term “dependent children” shall mean a child, including an adoptive child or stepchild, of a City Official who is under eighteen (18) years old and who the City Official is entitled to claim as a dependent on that City Official’s federal tax returns.

“Pass”—A ticket that provides repeated access, entry, or admission to a facility or series of events and for which similar passes are sold to the public. For purposes of this Policy, the term “ticket” shall include “pass” as defined herein.

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“Pool Tickets”—Tickets received by the City (excluding Premium Tickets) for each event at Shoreline Amphitheatre pursuant to the terms of the lease between the City of Mountain View and Live Nation.

“Premium Tickets”—The twenty (20) premium tickets received by the City for each event at Shoreline Amphitheatre pursuant to the terms of the lease between the City of Mountain View and Live Nation. Premium tickets include the eight (8) tickets to the City box for each event.

“Ticket”—Anything that provides access, entry, or admission to a specific future event or function and for which similar tickets are sold to the public to view, listen to, or otherwise take advantage of the attraction or activity for which the ticket is sold and includes any benefits that the ticket provides.

“Ticket Distribution Coordinator” or “TDC”—The City Manager of the City of Mountain View or designee(s).

II. TICKET DISTRIBUTION POLICY

A. Purpose

This Ticket Distribution Policy is provided to ensure that the City of Mountain View’s distribution of tickets to entertainment, amusement, recreational, or similar events furthers a public purpose in accordance with 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18944.1. Tickets that are distributed and meet the requirements as provided in this Policy will not be considered a gift under the Political Reform Act to the City Official who receives the tickets.

B. Application of Policy

This Policy applies to all tickets that are:

1. Gratuitously provided to the City by an outside source;
2. Acquired by the City by purchase or by sponsorship;

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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.

C. General Provisions

All tickets subject to this Policy shall be subject to the following provisions:

1. **No Right to Tickets**—Receipt of tickets under this Policy is a privilege and not the right of any person. No ticket shall be distributed to any person without the person complying with this Policy and complying with any procedures established by the TDC.
2. **Limitation on Transfer of Tickets**—Pursuant to 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18944.1(b)(3), tickets distributed to a City Official pursuant to this Policy shall not be transferred to any person except to members of the City Official's immediate family or no more than one (1) guest solely for their attendance at the event. In addition, this Policy requires the City Official to accompany the immediate family member(s) or guest to whom the ticket was transferred. Tickets distributed to a City Official may not be sold or bartered, and any tickets that are not planned for use shall be returned to the TDC as soon as possible before the event.
3. **Eligibility**—To be eligible to receive tickets under this Policy, the individual must be a current City Official, as that term is defined in this Policy, at the time of the event.
4. **Ticket Administration**—The TDC shall have the authority, in the TDC's sole discretion, to establish procedures for distribution of the tickets in accordance with this Policy. All requests for tickets which fall within the scope of this Policy shall be made in accordance with the procedures established by the TDC.
5. **Public Purpose**—Any distribution of tickets in accordance with this Policy to a City Official or to an individual or organization outside the City at the behest of a City Official must be in furtherance of a public purpose and be reported as provided in this Policy. Public purposes under this Policy are as follows:
 - a. Facilitating the attendance of a City Official at an event where the job duties of the City Official require attendance at the event.

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- b. 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.
- c. Oversight or inspection of facilities, if a City Official submits a written inspection report of findings and recommendations after attending the event.
- d. Official welcoming of foreign officials and dignitaries.
- e. Promotion of City resources and/or facilities available to the public.
- f. Promotion of City-run, -sponsored, or -supported community programs or events.
- g. Increasing public exposure to, and awareness of, the various recreational, cultural, and educational venues and facilities available to the public within the City.
- h. Promoting, supporting, and/or showing appreciation for programs or services rendered by nonprofit organizations benefiting City residents.
- i. Attracting or rewarding volunteer service.
- j. Attracting and retaining highly qualified employees in City service; recognizing or rewarding public service by a City Official, and/or supporting general morale.
 - (1) This public purpose is not applicable to Councilmembers, the City Manager, appointed officials, or department heads (2 California Code of Regulations Section 18944.1(e)).
- k. Promoting cultural, artistic, educational, recreational, or community activities or events in the City.
- l. Facilitating a City Official's ability to carry out City duties related to the management, administration, or care of a City facility or event.

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- m. Facilitating a City Official's familiarity with and understanding of the City's recreational, cultural, and educational environment.
6. **Prohibition Against Disproportionate Use**—The TDC is responsible for ensuring that tickets under this Policy are available to all City Officials, regardless of status, and that tickets are not used disproportionately by City Councilmembers, the City Manager, appointed City Officials, or department heads.
7. **Suspension of Privileges**—The TDC, in the TDC's sole discretion, may revoke or suspend the ticket privileges of any person who violates any provision of this Policy or the procedures established by the TDC for the distribution of tickets in accordance with this Policy, including the unauthorized transfer of tickets.
8. **Benefits of Admission**—The provisions of this Policy apply only to the benefits the City Official receives by the admission and are not applicable to any other benefits the City Official may receive (such as food, beverages, souvenirs, or parking) unless those benefits are part of the admission privileges of the ticket. Parking passes and access to the VIP entrance and/or Shoreline Amphitheatre lounges which may be included as part of the admission privileges attached to some tickets are considered part of the admission privileges of the ticket.
9. **Tickets Distributed at the Behest of a City Official**—Only members of the City Council shall have authority to behest tickets in the form of Certificates to Certificate Recipients. Each Councilmember may designate up to two (2) Certificates to a qualifying Certificate Recipient per season, and the Certificate Tickets shall be distributed only for one or more public purposes set forth in Section C.5 above.

D. **Distribution of Shoreline Amphitheatre Tickets**

The Complimentary Ticket Program provides City Officials the opportunity to receive complimentary tickets to Shoreline Amphitheatre performances each concert season pursuant to the terms of the lease between the City of Mountain View and Live Nation.

1. **Procedures**—The TDC shall establish procedures to receive requests for tickets for events at Shoreline Amphitheatre, including a deadline for such requests and the distribution of any remaining tickets after all timely requests have been fulfilled.

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Requests for tickets shall be for no more than one (1) pair of tickets a time. Premium Tickets shall be distributed first, followed by Pool Tickets.

2. **Management of City Box**—The Shoreline Amphitheatre lease reserves the City box for use by the City. Tickets to the City box are limited to City Officials and authorized guests of the same. Nonprofit Certificate Recipients shall not receive tickets to the City box.

III. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Tickets distributed by the City to any City Official under this Policy shall be in conformance with the regulations of, and posted on a form provided by, the FPPC and any required City form in a prominent fashion on the City's website within forty-five (45) days after distribution.

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