

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

Staff Report

TO: Chair Furst and Board of Directors

FROM: Mathew Fuzie, General Manager 

PREPARED BY: Patricia Lord, Assistant General Manager
David Weisgerber, Community Outreach Supervisor

DATE: July 31, 2019

SUBJECT: Revisions to Robert Livermore Community Center Code of Conduct Policy

COMMITTEE: Reviewed by Facilities Committee on July 25, 2019

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors approve amendments to Policy No. ADM-15-010715, the Robert Livermore Community Center Code of Conduct Policy.

BACKGROUND: The current Robert Livermore Community Center Code of Conduct policy was approved on January 7, 2015. (See Attachment A, Policy No. ADM-15-010715, Robert Livermore Community Center Code of Conduct).

In order to provide clear guidelines for staff and for the public, revisions to the existing policy are recommended to meet the increasing demands for our public facilities, programs and services. The draft revisions are consistent with the City of Livermore Library's Patron Conduct Policy, with the exception of the unattended children policy. Children eight years and older are allowed to be at the library without adult supervision and in the RLCC code of conduct, we require children to be 11 or older. Further, the draft revisions are consistent with best practices in other public agencies surveyed, including Pleasanton Library Code of Conduct and the City of Emeryville, Senior Center. (See Attachment B, Draft Administrative Policy No. ADM-15-010715, Robert Livermore Community Center Code of Conduct).

The District policy includes enforcement guidelines: "Those willing to comply with this code of conduct or who are willing to modify unacceptable behavior are welcome to stay. Those unwilling to comply will be asked to leave. If necessary, law enforcement will be called."

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact.

Attachments:

- A. Policy No. ADM-15-010715, Robert Livermore Community Center Code of Conduct
- B. Draft Amendments to Administrative Policy No. ADM-15-010715 Robert Livermore Community Center Code of Conduct





Policy No. ADM-15-010715

Robert Livermore Community Center CODE OF CONDUCT

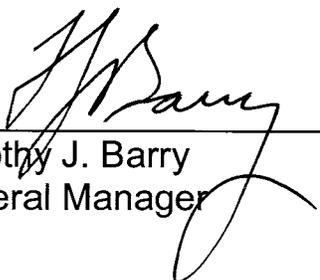
PURPOSE OF POLICY	To ensure that the Community Center is a welcoming and safe place for the public.
POLICY SUMMARY	This policy establishes that there are rules of conduct for those visiting or participating in activities at the Community Center.
APPROVAL	General Manager, January 7, 2015

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Behavior becomes unacceptable when it: interferes with these expectations; compromises the rights of others; causes damage to buildings or equipment; disrupts activities/programs/services and/or operations; creates a health risk to oneself or others; causes (or is likely to cause) injury to oneself or others; or creates a nuisance due to objectionable personal hygiene. Those willing to comply with this code of conduct or who are willing to modify unacceptable behavior are welcome to stay. Those unwilling to comply will be asked to leave. If necessary, law enforcement will be called.

In addition to the District's general rules and regulations (Ordinance #8), there is a set of rules which applies to conduct at the RLCC and any area within 100 feet of the buildings, courtyard and swim facilities. Individual rooms, sections, equipment or functions within the RLCC may have more specific rules and regulations that apply to the conduct of individuals.

APPROVAL



Timothy J. Barry
General Manager

1-7-15

Date



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3. Alcohol may only be sold, served and consumed by permit.
4. Making offensive gestures, cursing or using obscene, abusive, profane or threatening language and displaying (including electronic devices), wearing or distributing obscene/offensive materials are not permitted.
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