

Fee Waiver Staff Report

Date: April 22, 2025
To: Douglas County Board of County Commissioners
Through: Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager
From: Terence T. Quinn, AICP, Director of Community Development *TQ*
CC: Steven Shoultz, CPRP, Assistant Director of Parks, Trails, and Building Grounds
Subject: **Fee Waiver Request in the amount of \$1,210 for the Rock Canyon High School Band Concert at Highlands Heritage Regional Park Amphitheater**

OWNER:
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REPRESENTATIVE:
TREVOR MCLAINE
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Board of County Commissioners Meeting:

May 13, 2025 @ 1:30 p.m.

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Rock Canyon High School (RCHS) requests a fee waiver of \$1210 to use Highland Heritage Regional Park Amphitheater for the Rock Canyon High School Band Concert on April 30, 2025.

II. BACKGROUND

RCHS has traditionally hosted a concert at the end of the year at the Highlands Heritage Regional Park Amphitheater. This event celebrates students' achievements in the Rock Canyon band program during the school year and includes students from the Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Color Guard.

III. REQUEST

RCHS requests a fee waiver in the amount of \$1,210 for the use of Highland Heritage Regional Park Amphitheater for the Rock Canyon High School Band Concert.

IV. STAFF ASSESSMENT

The Board of County Commissioners has the sole authority to waive or reduce all park use fees and may choose to waive or reduce the use fee of \$1,210 for the RCHS.

ATTACHMENTS

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Dear Douglas County Board of County Commissioners,

My name is Trevor McLaine, and I am the Band Director at Rock Canyon High School. I am writing to request a waiver of the fee to rent the Highlands Heritage Regional Park Amphitheatre for April 30th.

This school year is my second year as a teacher here at Rock Canyon (and second year as a resident of Douglas County). A tradition that has existed for years prior to my assumption of the role is holding our concert at the end of year at the Amphitheatre at Highlands Heritage Regional Park. This is something that our community loves and is a great celebration of all that our students have achieved in the Rock Canyon band program during the school year, and features students from our Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Color Guard. For years, we have only been charged \$70 for rental of the amphitheatre; however, this year we are being asked to pay \$1210 as this event is being considered a "Large Event."

This amount is a massive increase from what we have paid for years, and is prohibitive from being able to utilize this public resource. I am requesting a waiver of this fee so that members of our community can continue to enjoy this tradition that has existed for years and ideally will continue for many more. Our students and their families love this concert, which is free and open to the public, and look forward to performing at it every year. We have been happy to pay for the rental fee in the past to help invest in the outstanding resources Douglas County has to offer, such as this amphitheatre, but this large jump in the cost is too much for our budget to handle.

I hope you'll consider waiving the fee to allow our students to experience this concert. Performing live music is at the heart of the curriculum in our music classes, but performing in the same closed venues (in school auditoriums for audiences consisting of almost exclusively their families) can cause the music experience to grow stale and lack excitement. By branching out and performing in more community-based venues, our students get diverse experiences and feel far more engaged in their musical journeys. This event has become a hit not only for the students, but the community around our school, as families will invite neighbors and friends who don't have students in our program to come enjoy an evening of music.

Thank you for your consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide more details about my request to waive this fee.

All the best,



Trevor McLaine
Rock Canyon High School

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