

CITY OF MOSSYROCK, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 524

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOSSYROCK, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL FEES FOR QUALIFYING VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS ORGANIZATIONS USING THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR APPROVED EVENTS AS NECESSARY; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the City of Mossyrock, Washington (the “City”) is a Code City under the laws of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35A.11.020, the City may adopt and enforce ordinances of all kinds relating to and regulating the City’s local or municipal affairs and appropriate to the good government of the City; and

WHEREAS, all references herein to “MMC” shall mean the “Mossyrock Municipal Code,” and

WHEREAS, the City of Mossyrock operates the Mossyrock Community Center and has established rental fees and related deposit requirements for use of the facility; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mossyrock has adopted a fee schedule included in chapter 6.04 MMC; and

WHEREAS, qualifying Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and affiliated organizations may be federally tax-exempt veterans’ organizations under section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code;

WHEREAS, federally tax-exempt veterans’ organizations under section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code known as Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and affiliated organizations are nonprofits and provide patriotic, charitable, memorial, and community service benefits to the public; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that authorizing a limited waiver of rental fees for qualifying Veterans of Foreign Wars use of the Community Center serves a public purpose and supports veterans and community-oriented activities within the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOSSYROCK, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 6.04.025 of the Mossyrock Municipal Code is hereby created to read as follows:

6.04.025 Community Center Fee Waiver.

A. Eligibility for Fee Waiver. A Veterans of Foreign Wars post, auxiliary, or affiliated

veterans organization seeking use of the Mossyrock Community Center may receive a waiver of the rental fee otherwise applicable under the City's fee schedule when the organization provides current documentation satisfactory to the City administration establishing that it is a qualifying federally tax-exempt veterans organization under section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code, or successor provision, and the proposed use is for a lawful event consistent with City policies.

- B. **Scope of Waiver.** The waiver authorized by this ordinance applies only to the base rental fee for the Community Center. Unless otherwise approved by the City in writing, the organization remains responsible for all refundable or non-refundable deposits, cleaning obligations, repair costs for damage, security requirements, permit fees, and any additional charges associated with alcohol service, extended use, special setup, or violation of facility rules.
- C. **Scheduling and Approval.** Use of the Community Center under this ordinance is subject to availability, completion of the City's rental application, verification of 501(c)(19) status, approval of the proposed use of the facility, and compliance with all facility rules, ordinances, and applicable law. City functions and previously approved reservations shall have priority. Approval of a fee waiver under this ordinance does not create an exclusive right to use the facility and may be denied or revoked for failure to comply with applicable requirements.
- D. **Administration.** The City of Mossyrock City Treasurer, or designee, is authorized to administer this ordinance, verify eligibility documentation, and require such forms and information as are reasonably necessary to implement the fee waiver process in a consistent manner.

Section 2. **Repealer.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. **Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be unconstitutional or unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after its publication, or publication of a summary thereof, in the City's official newspaper, or as otherwise provided by law.

Section 5. **Corrections.** Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbers, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mossyrock, Washington, and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Mossyrock at a regularly scheduled open public meeting thereof, this 15th day of July, 2026.

Randall Sasser, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Edgington, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Marissa Y. Jay, Buzzard Law Group

Approved Reading:	<u>07/15/2026</u>
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