

**Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Office of Tourism**

Welcome Centers (LAC 25:V. 505)

The Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Tourism, in accordance with R.S. 51:1255 and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., hereby provides notice of its intent to amend LAC 25:V:505 to increase and streamline the standard fee schedule for the reserved exclusive use of welcome centers.

**Title 25
CULTURAL RESOURCES
Part V. Office of Tourism**

Chapter 5. Welcome Centers

§505. Standard Fees

A. Standard fees for reserved exclusive use of the Capitol Park Welcome Center shall be assessed as follows.

Space	Capacity	Full Day Rate (3 hours or more)	Half Day Rate (Less than 3 hours)	Evening Rate (after 4:30 pm)
Entire Building and Patio	350 seated; 600 reception	\$700	\$500	\$550/hour
Entire Building	175 seated; 400 reception	\$600	\$400	\$250/hour
Margaret Taylor Theater (includes audio/visual capabilities)	115 seated (lecture) 80 seated (classroom) 200 reception	\$425	\$275	\$150/hour
Fishbowl	75 seated (lecture)	\$175	\$125	\$100/hour
Patio	200 seated; 300 reception	\$200	\$150	\$100/hour

<u>Space</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Full Day Rate</u> <u>(3 hours or more)</u>	<u>Half Day Rate</u> <u>(less than 3 hours)</u>	<u>Evening</u> <u>(after 5:00 pm)</u> <u>and Weekend Rate</u>
<u>Entire Building and Patio</u>	350 seated; 600 reception	\$1000	\$600	\$1900.00 (3 hour minimum) \$500.00/additional hour
<u>Margaret Taylor Theater includes Audio/Visual Capabilities</u>	100 seated (lecture) 80 seated (classroom) 200 reception	\$500	\$300	Unavailable separately for evening or weekend use.
<u>Fishbowl "Glass Room" (no audio/visual)</u>	65 seated (lecture)	\$300	\$200	Unavailable separately for evening or weekend use.

B. Additional Fees

1. Additional charges may be assessed based the nature of the requested function and/or additional requirements as agreed upon. Any additional charges will be included in the written agreement.

2. Additional charges will be assessed for damages incurred and clean-up. These charges are in addition to all other fees and charges and are payable upon notification.

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Family Impact Statement

In compliance with Act 1183 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of this proposed rule on the family has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed rule will have no impact on family functioning, stability and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

In compliance with Act 854 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the poverty impact of this proposed rule has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed rule will have no impact on child, individual, or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Statement

In compliance with R.S. 49:965.6, a regulatory flexibility analysis of the impact of this rule on small businesses has been conducted. It is anticipated that this proposed rule will have no impact on requirements imposed upon small businesses as described in R.S. 49:965.6.

Provider Impact Statement

In compliance with House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 170 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the provider impact of this proposed rule has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed rule will have no impact on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service, the total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the provider to provide the same level of service, and will not impact the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service as described in HCR 170.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to Nancy N. Broussard, Welcome Center Program Director, Office of Tourism, P. O. Box 94291, Baton Rouge, LA, 70804-9491. All comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on October 10, 2015.

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