

ORDINANCE 2026-7

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, SUPPLEMENT AND RE-ENACT CITY OF BAKER CODE OF ORDINANCES ARTICLE V, SECTION 44 Concerning Civic Center and Municipal Building Lease/Rent Fees and to provide for Other Matters regarding to the same.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL of the City of Baker, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in regular session assembled, a proper quorum being there and then assembled on the 10th day of February 2026, as follows, to-wit:

SECTION 1:

City of Baker Code of Ordinances Article V, Section 44 shall be Amended, Supplemented and Re-Enacted to read as follows:

“ Sec. 44. Civic Center and Municipal Building.

The following schedule, as referred to in section 16-143, shall be the rates charged for the use of the civic room and municipal building auditorium, respectively, effective February 1, 2026.

(1) Main auditorium: rental of the municipal center auditorium includes: auditorium setup, 30 round tables, 40 banquet tables, 350 chairs, podium, use of the kitchen, use of the rest rooms in the auditorium, use of the stage, use of the pull-down screen and auditorium clean-up. Includes mixing board, amp, up to four speakers, two wireless microphones, music/DVD player, and iPod connection.

A. Weekend Rentals (Friday, Saturday and Sunday):

1. Weddings and Receptions: (7:30 a.m.—2:00 a.m.)

Rental includes a two-hour walkthrough or rehearsal Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday prior to the event, depending on the availability of the auditorium.

Baker Residents: \$1,500.00 per day (\$750.00 deposit due upon booking), additional \$150.00/day per day for decorating (limited to five days prior to scheduled date, subject to availability)

Non-Residents: \$2,000.00 per day (\$1,000.00 deposit due upon booking), additional \$200.00/day per day for decorating (limited to five days prior to scheduled date, subject to availability)

2. Balls & Formal Parties: (7:30 a.m.—2:00 a.m.)

Baker Residents: \$1,500.00 per day (\$750.00 deposit due upon booking), additional \$150.00 per day for decorating (limited to five days prior to scheduled date, subject to availability)

Non-Residents: \$2,000.00 per day (\$1,000.00 deposit due upon booking), additional \$200.00 per day for decorating, (limited to five days prior to scheduled date, subject to availability)

3. Promotional Events: (7:30 a.m.—2:00 a.m.)

\$2,000.00 per day (\$1,000.00 deposit due upon booking)

4. Other Events: (7:30 a.m.—2:00 a.m.)

Baker Residents: \$1,500.00 per day (\$750.00 deposit due upon booking)

Non-Residents: \$2,000.00 per day (\$1,000.00 deposit due upon booking)

B. Weekday Rentals (Monday - Thursday):

1. All day Events: (7:30 a.m.—2:00 a.m.)

Baker Residents: \$800.00 per day (\$400.00 deposit due upon booking)

Non-Residents: \$1,200.00 per day (\$600.00 deposit due upon booking)

Baker Schools: \$300.00 deposit, deposit refunded if event occurs

2. Non-profit: All-day Events (7:30 a.m.—2:00 a.m.) Required: IRS letter declaring the organization has 501(c)(3) non-profit status and proof from Louisiana secretary of state of active status.

Baker Residents: \$500.00 per day, payment due upon booking

Non-Residents: \$700.00 per day, payment due upon booking

3. Rehearsal Dinners: (Three hours Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday upon availability)

Baker Residents: \$300.00, Paid in full upon booking

Non-Residents: \$400.00, Paid in full upon booking

****Please note: Rental of the municipal building shall automatically include the use of the civic room.**

C. Rental of the Civic Room (Sunday's only):

Baby Showers: \$300.00 for five hours

Other Events: \$500.00 for five hours

SECTION 2:

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith and the same are hereby Repealed.

All Ordinances not in conflict herewith and not affected by the amendment hereinabove set forth are hereby maintained in full force and effect as if re-enacted herein.

The Repeal of an Ordinance shall not affect any punishment or penalty incurred before the repeal took effect, or any suit, prosecution or proceedings pending at the time of the repeal, for an offense committed under the ordinance repealed.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrases, clauses, sentence, paragraph or section. If the provisions of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, fact, situation or circumstance are held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application of such provisions to the other persons, facts, situations or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 4: INVALIDATION

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications and, to that end, any and all provisions of this ordinance and applications thereof are declared to be severable.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

And the Ordinance was presented January 13, 2026, at the regular meeting of the Baker City Council held at the City Hall Building in Baker, Louisiana.

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this, the 10th day of February, 2026 at the regular meeting of the Baker City Council held at the Baker City Hall Building in Baker, Louisiana.

ATTEST:

/s/Angela Canady Wall, LCMC, Clerk of Council

/s/Darnell Waites, Mayor