

**RESOLUTION NO. 2272**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOWLER APPROVING  
A POLICY FOR DISTRIBUTING TICKETS AND PASSES TO CITY OFFICIALS**

WHEREAS, from time to time the City of Fowler (the "City") receives event tickets and passes from third party private sources or obtains them directly for use by various City Officials; and

WHEREAS, under section 18944.1 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations ("Regulations"), such tickets and passes are defined as those that provide admission to a facility, event, show, or performance for an entertainment, amusement, recreational, or similar purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to use and distribute such tickets and passes to further governmental and public purposes, such as the promotion of City businesses, resources, programs, facilities, etc.; and

WHEREAS, under section 18944.1 of the Regulations, tickets and passes are not considered gifts to public officials if the City distributes said tickets and passes in accordance with a duly adopted written policy consistent with section 18944.1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fowler as follows:

SECTION 1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby adopts the "Tickets and Passes Distribution Policy" attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.



David Cardenas  
Mayor

AYES: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Monis, Simonian

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST: None



Jenni Hauer, City Clerk



**EXHIBIT A**  
**CITY OF FOWLER**  
**TICKETS AND PASSES DISTRIBUTION POLICY**

**Section A. Purpose of Policy**

The purpose of this Policy is to establish a city-wide procedure for the distribution, use and reporting of tickets or passes to a facility, event, show or performance for an entertainment, amusement, recreational or similar purpose in compliance with section 18944.1 of the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) regulations. Section 18944.1 provides that such tickets or passes are not gifts to public officials, if the City distributes them in accordance with a duly adopted written policy pursuant to Section 18944.1, subdivision (b) (2). This Policy is subject to all applicable FPPC regulations and the Political Reform Act. Nothing in this Policy is intended to alter, amend or otherwise affect the obligations of City Officials and employees under the Political Reform Act.

Tickets and passes provided to the City by any third party or purchased or obtained directly by the City shall be distributed to City Officials, or distributed at the request of a City Official to an individual or organization outside the City, by the City Manager, in a manner that serves or promotes a public purpose of the City of Fowler (the "City").

**Section B. Definitions**

For purposes of this Policy, the following words, terms and phrases shall have the following meanings:

1. "City Official" shall mean any member, officer, employee or consultant of the City.
2. "Gift" shall mean anything that is received by a City Official that the City Official did not provide consideration of equal or greater value for or that represents a rebate or discount that is not provided in the regular course of business to members of the public without regard to official status.
3. "Third party" shall mean the source of any ticket or pass, other than the City.
4. "Immediate Family" means spouse and dependent children.
5. "Ticket" or "pass" shall mean any ticket, pass, etc. that provides admission to a facility, event, show, or performance for entertainment, amusement, recreation or other similar purpose.

**Section C. Administration of Policy**

The City Manager shall be responsible for administering this Policy and establishing procedures for the distribution of tickets in accordance with this Policy.

## **Section D. Tickets and Passes Distribution Policy**

All tickets and passes offered or provided to the City by a third party, or purchased or otherwise obtained directly by the City shall be subject to the following provisions:

1. The City shall not accept from any third party any ticket or pass that is specifically earmarked for use by a particular City Official whether by name or position, unless:
  - a. The ticket or pass is offered or provided to the City pursuant to the terms of a contract for use of City owned property.
  - b. The ticket or pass is offered or provided to the City as a result of an official City event that the City controls.
  - c. The ticket or pass is purchased by the City from the third party for full market value.
2. The City Manager or his or her designee shall document in writing the receipt of all tickets and passes provided to the City by a third party, and shall determine the face value of tickets that state “complimentary” or otherwise do not have a value stated, based on the reasonable cost for attendance at such an event.
3. Tickets and passes shall only be provided to City officials by the City Manager or his or her designee for a legitimate public purpose of the City, as set forth in this Policy.
4. The City Manager or his or her designee shall decide, consistent with this Policy, which City Officials should be provided with a ticket or pass.
5. The City Manager, in his or her sole discretion, may revoke or suspend the ticket privileges of any person who violates any provision of this Policy.
6. Within 45 days of distributing any ticket or pass pursuant to this Policy, the City Manager or his or her designee shall complete an FPPC Form 802 and forward to the FPPC for posting on it’s website, pursuant to section 18944.1 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations.

## **Section E. Legitimate Public Purposes**

Any ticket or pass provided to a City Official by the City shall not constitute a gift if provided and used by the City Official for any of the following purposes:

1. Promotion of business activity or development within the City.
2. Promotion of community resources and programs available to City residents including but not limited to those resources and programs involving charitable and non-profit organizations.
3. Promotion of City resources available to City residents.

4. Promotion of City-operated, sponsored or supported community programs.
5. Promotion of private facilities available for City residents' use including but not limited to those facilities involving charitable and non-profit organizations.
6. Promotion of City events, facilities or landmarks.
7. Promotion of City growth and development.
8. Promotion of City tourism on a local, state, national or worldwide scale.
9. Promotion of City recognition, visibility and/or profile on a local, state, national or worldwide scale.
10. Promotion of open government by City Official appearances, participation and/or availability at business and/or community events.
11. Promotion of the improvement of inter-governmental relations.
12. Attendance at events sponsored by other governmental agencies, industry groups and non-profit organizations for the purpose of meeting and conferring with other governmental officials or business representatives regarding issues of interest to, or affecting, the City.
13. Increasing public exposure to, and awareness of, the various recreational, cultural, and educational venues and facilities available to the public within the City.
14. Encouraging or rewarding significant academic, athletic, or public service achievements by City students, residents or businesses.
15. Promoting enhanced City employee performance or morale, or recognizing contributions made to the City by former or current City Council members or employees.
16. Promoting, supporting and/or showing appreciation for programs or services rendered by charitable and non-profit organizations benefitting Fowler residents.
17. Attracting or rewarding volunteer public service.

#### **Section F. Exemptions**

The following tickets and passes shall be exempt from the provisions of this Policy:

1. A ticket or pass received by a City Official directly from a third party that the City Official uses to perform a ceremonial role or function on behalf of the City.
2. A ticket or pass received by a City Official from the City where both the City Official and the City treat and report the value of the ticket or pass as income consistent with applicable state and federal income tax laws and the ticket is reported as income pursuant to the provisions of this Policy.

**Section G. Prohibition Against Transfer**

A City Official who receives a ticket or pass pursuant to this Policy is prohibited from transferring or selling the ticket or pass to any other person, except to a member of the City official's immediate family or no more than one guest, solely for their attendance at the event, provided such transfer to an immediate family member or guest satisfies a legitimate public purpose as outlined above and is approved by the City Manager or his or her designee.

**Section I. Posting and Disclosure Requirements**

This Policy shall be posted in a prominent fashion on the City's website.