



RECEIVED JUL 22 10 38

# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 18, 2014

The Honorable  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Bandwagon Fee Waiver**

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a resolution from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry seeking legislative authorization to allow each legislator and the County Executive to be granted one (1) fee waiver annually for use of the County Bandwagon.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Troy Schinzel at the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/med

cc: Troy Schinzel, Commissioner of Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry  
**Re:** Bandwagon Fee Waiver  
**Date:** July 18, 2014

---

### **SUMMARY**

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry receives numerous requests each year for a fee waiver on the bandwagon. The department cannot possibly honor each request. The department is looking to formalize a policy regarding bandwagon fee waivers, while meeting certain criteria. The policy would go into effect January 1, 2015.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Loss of \$475.00 in revenue per each bandwagon fee waiver annually.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry receives numerous requests from legislators each year requesting the use of the bandwagon free of charge for different community events in their districts.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Community/non-profit related groups offering events free and open to the public may not otherwise be able to afford to use the bandwagon.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Upon approval of this resolution, each legislator, as well as the County Executive, will be granted one (1) fee waiver annually for the bandwagon, as long as specific criteria is met. If the bandwagon is available, requests must be submitted in writing directly to the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Forestry.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY

RE: Bandwagon Fee Waivers

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry receives numerous requests for bandwagon "fee waivers"; and

WHEREAS, the department cannot possibly honor all requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Erie does hereby allow for one (1) "fee waiver" per legislator, as well as the County Executive annually; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the waiver will only be granted to community or non-profit related groups who are hosting events free or open to the public; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the County Executive; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; and Troy P. Schinzel, the Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry.