

**CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
NOVEMBER 5, 2019 AGENDA**

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT - RECOGNITION DINNER AND SERVICE AWARD MAXIMUMS	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	PAM BUETHE CITY CLERK

SYNOPSIS

A public hearing has been scheduled and a resolution prepared to amend the maximum cost per person for recognition dinners and for service awards for employees, volunteers and officials of the City.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY19/20 Biennial Budget provides funding for an annual recognition dinner and service awards.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval

BACKGROUND

In 1993 guidelines for setting the maximum cost per person for recognition dinners and service awards, was established by the 93rd Legislature by virtue of the passage of LB 734. That legislation set the maximum cost per person for recognition dinners at \$25 and the cost for service awards to be determined by the governing body of a municipality following a public hearing.

On November 2, 1993 the Mayor and City Council of La Vista passed Resolution 93-099 which established the maximum cost per person for recognition dinners at \$25 and the maximum cost for service awards at \$100.

In 2018 the maximum cost per person for recognition dinners was increased by the Legislature from \$25 to \$50 by the passage of LB 1036. Due to increases in costs over the last 26 years, staff is recommending the maximum cost per person for the recognition dinner be increased to \$50 as well as an increase in the maximum cost for service awards to \$200.

These amounts are being placed in a Council Policy Statement passed by resolution.

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA, APPROVING A COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT.

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is necessary and desirable to create Council Policy Statements as a means of establishing guidelines and direction to the members of the City Council and to the city administration in regard to various issues which regularly occur; and

WHEREAS, a Council Policy Statement entitled "Recognition Dinner and Award Maximums" has been established;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of La Vista, Nebraska, do hereby approve the Council Policy Statement entitled "Recognition Dinner and Award Maximums" and do further hereby direct the distribution of said Council Policy Statement to the appropriate City Departments.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019.

CITY OF LA VISTA

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Bueth, CMC
City Clerk

Recognition Dinner and Service Award Maximums

The purpose of this policy statement is to establish the maximum cost per person for recognition dinners and for service awards for employees, volunteers and officials of the City.

Nebraska Revised Statute §13-2203(2)(iii) and Nebraska Revised Statute §13-2203(3) authorizes municipalities to expend public funds for one recognition dinner each year and service awards for employees, volunteers and officials of the municipalities.

Public funds may be expended for nonalcoholic beverages and meals provided at one recognition dinner each year held for elected and appointed officials, employees, or volunteers of the City of La Vista. The maximum cost per person for such dinner established by formal action of the governing body, shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50). An annual recognition dinner may be held separately for employees of each department or separately for volunteers, or any of them in combination, if authorized by the governing body.

The expenditure of public funds for plaques, certificates of achievement, or items of value awarded to elected or appointed officials, employees, or volunteers, including persons serving on City of La Vista government boards or commissions shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200). Before amending the amount of this expenditure, the governing body shall by official action, after a public hearing, amend this policy statement which sets a dollar limit on the value of the plaque certificate of achievement, or item of value to be awarded. This amount shall not be amended or altered more than once in any twelve-month period.