



REQUEST FOR GRAND RAPIDS EDA ACTION

AGENDA DATE: May 19, 2026

STATEMENT OF ISSUE: Consider entering into an Agreement with The Pines LLC for the temporary use of GREDA property for a downtown event.

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BACKGROUND:

The Pines Restaurant is planning a block party in the downtown for Saturday, June 27. The event will mark their first year in business. Third St. N. between Pokegama Avenue and 1st Ave. W. will be blocked off for the event. The event will feature live entertainment and a local vendor market.

The Pines have requested the use of the vacant lot owned by GREDA for that event. The attached agreement grants The Pines a temporary license to use the property for no fee on that day and which protects GREDA from any damages or liabilities.

This type of activation in the downtown is very consistent with the recommendations of the Downtown Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

REQUIRED ACTION: Make a motion to approve entering into an Agreement with The Pines LLC for the temporary use of GREDA property for a downtown event.