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To: Mayor Kudron and the Grand Lake Board of Trustees  
From: John Crone, Town Manager  
Re: Resolution 17-2023 Providing for the Waiver of Rental Fees for Certain Nonprofit Activities  
Date: June 12, 2023

### **Background**

In the past, the Board of Trustees has had several discussions about waiving rental fees for certain nonprofit activities. The Board instructed staff to develop a framework that will allow for administrative waivers of rental fees for certain nonprofit events.

One difficulty that staff encountered when working on the framework was finding a way to differentiate between various nonprofit organizations. Grand Lake and Grand County have several hundred nonprofits. Many of these organizations are considered service organizations that focus on providing needed community services or filling special needs for at risk or underprivileged individuals. Many more are limited in their scope and exist solely to provide services for a select group of private citizens who may not need additional help from the community (e.g. homeowners' associations). This disparity in the roles of the various nonprofits made it clear that the Town should not adopt a blanket policy waiving rental fees for all nonprofits.

During discussions with board members from the Grand Lake Creative District, a possible solution for identifying those events that should have rental fees waived was suggested. The Grand Lake Creative District is one of thirty such districts created under state law. The mission of the Creative District is to enhance the economic and civic capital of the community, as well as to celebrate and strengthen the community's unique identity, become a space to showcase cultural and artistic organizations and events, and contribute to the development of a healthy community. This mission supports the Town's mission to protect its natural environment, preserve its history, and enhance its economic vitality to ensure quality of life for its residents, businesses, and visitors.

The Town has made the determination that supporting the Creative District is important to the Town's goals and desires. This is evidenced by the annual financial contributions made to the Creative District. When budgeting the money, the Town Board made it clear that they expect the Creative District to take on the role of determining levels of financial support for many local nonprofits that used to be funded directly by the Town. This experience made the Creative District a logical choice to help determine waivers of rental fees.

The Creative District will benefit from an arrangement with the Town by allowing the District to be a focal point for all of the creative nonprofits (i.e. Grand Arts Council) or nonprofits interested in putting on community driven events (i.e. Grand Lake Area Historical Society). By funneling events through one central organization, there will be a greater coordination of events and scheduling. The Creative District will also gain visibility and enhance its reputation.



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## **Details**

The proposed resolution will allow for the administrative waiver of rental fees for events sanctioned by the Creative District. The sanctioned events must be sponsored by a nonprofit organization, must be open to the public (entry fees may be charged), and must promote the Town's mission. The Creative District may impose additional restrictions.

The resolution also gives the Town manager the authority to withhold a waiver of fees if the Manager determines that a sanctioned event does not serve meet the required criteria. Any such decision may be appealed to the Board. Additionally, organizations who do not receive a Creative District sanction may still apply directly to the Board for a rental fee waiver (although the preferred method is to go through the Creative District).

The Town Manager will keep the Board informed about waivers granted under this program. If the Board wants to add additional criteria or reassess the entire waiver program, all it needs to do is pass an additional resolution making the desired corrections.

## **Proposed Motion**

If the Board wishes to allow the waiver of rental fees for events sanctioned by the Grand Lake Creative District, it may do so by passing the following motion:

*I move adopt Resolution 17-2023, Providing for the Waiver of Rental Fees for Certain Nonprofit Events.*

**TOWN OF GRAND LAKE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RESOLUTION NO. 17-2023**

**PROVIDING FOR THE WAIVER OF RENTAL FEES FOR CERTAIN NONPROFIT  
ACTIVITIES**

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Town to protect its natural environment, preserve its history, and enhance its economic vitality to ensure quality of life for its residents, businesses, and visitors; and,

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Grand Lake Creative District to enhance the economic and civic capital of the community, as well as to celebrate and strengthen the community's unique identity, become a space to showcase cultural and artistic organizations and events, and contribute to the development of a healthy community; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has the authority pursuant to Section 11-6-2 of the Municipal Code to adopt use policies for the Short-Term Rental of Municipal Facilities and Structures; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has the duty pursuant to CRS 31-25-301 to maintain its facilities for the public good; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that promoting the mission of the Grand Lake Creative District serves to help achieve the Town's mission; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that the Grand Lake Creative District has the knowledge and ability to make informed decisions that will be in the Town's interests about the use of public facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has the authority pursuant to Section 2-3-2 of the Municipal Code to adopt a resolution waiving Town fees; and,

WHEREAS, upon consideration of staff comments and discussion amongst the Board members themselves, the Board concluded that waiving rental fees for events sanctioned by the Grand Lake Creative District is in the best interests of the Town and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF GRAND LAKE, COLORADO:

THAT,

- 1) The Board hereby grants the Town Manager, or his designee, the right to waive rental fees for those nonprofit activities that are officially sanctioned by the Grand Lake Creative District.
- 2) Such waivers shall only apply to events run by registered nonprofit organizations.
- 3) Such waivers shall only apply to events that are opened to the public and promote one of the Town's missions as stated in this resolution.

- 4) The Grand Lake Creative District may utilize additional criteria in making its determination whether to sanction an event.
- 5) The Town Manager, or his designee, shall have the authority to determine if a proposed event promotes the Town's mission.
- 6) A determination that the event does not meet the Town mission may be appealed to the Board of Trustees.

**DULY MOVED, SECONDED, AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF GRAND LAKE THIS 12th DAY OF JUNE 2023.**

(SEAL)

Votes Approving:  
Votes Opposing:  
Votes Abstaining:  
Absent:

**ATTEST:**

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Alayna Carrell, Town Clerk

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Stephan Kudron, Town Mayor