



# TOWN OF GRAND LAKE

STAFF REPORT

**TO**  
Mayor & Trustees

**FROM**  
Sarah Weekes, Event Manager

**DATE**  
June 8, 2026

**ACTION TYPE:**  Action Requested  Information Only

**RE: Special Event Permit Application and Resolution 47-2026 – Colorado Chili Pod LLC “42nd Annual State of Colorado Chili Championship” – June 27, 2026**

## BACKGROUND

The Colorado Chili Pod is dedicated to celebrating chili culture, supporting charitable causes, and collaborating with chili organizations across the region. Now in its 42nd year, the State of Colorado Chili Championship is a beloved community event featuring live music, handmade craft vendors, and chili tastings. Held in partnership with the Chili Appreciation Society International and co-hosted by the Grand Lake Fire Department, the event serves as a major fundraiser for both the Grand Lake Fire Scholarship Fund and the Community Assistance Fund.

Colorado Chili Pod LLC has submitted a Special Event Permit application for the 42nd Annual State of Colorado Chili Championship and is requesting the Board of Trustees waive the following fee:

- Special event permit fee in the amount of \$250.00

## REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 11-6-3(C), the Board of Trustees shall consider the following factors prior to approval of a Special Event Permit:

***Municipal Code §11-6-3(C): Special Event Permit Application Review and Approval***

*The following factors shall be considered prior to approval of a Special Event Permit:*

- The predominant use of the primary facility being used; and*
- The proposed event and the event hours; and*
- Neighborhood compatibility; and*
- Effect of the proposed event on the community; and*
- The Town’s anticipated cost in staff time and equipment use; and*
- The benefit to non-profit from the event; and*
- The benefit to local businesses from the event; and*
- Duplication of services or sale items; and*
- Nature of the past event issues or similar past event issues.*

## FISCAL NOTE

In 2026, the Board of Trustees has not approved any fee waivers for Colorado Chili Pod LLC.

## SUGGESTED MOTION

*“I make a motion to approve / (deny) the Special Event Permit Application and approve / (deny) Resolution 47-2026, a Resolution Setting Certain Fees for Colorado Chili Pod LLC’s “42nd Annual State of Colorado Chili Championship” Event to be held June 27, 2026.”*