



To: Mayor Bergquist & Town Trustees

From: Sarah Weekes, Event Manager

Date: February 09, 2026

Re: **Consideration of Resolution No. 11-2026 – Waiver of Certain Fees for Grand Lake Skijoring “Grand Lake Skijoring” Event (February 27, 2026, through March 1, 2026)**

BACKGROUND:

Skijoring is a winter sport that originated as a means of transportation across snow-covered landscapes. Its history dates back hundreds of years to Scandinavia, where the Sami people used reindeer to pull them across the snow. Today, skijoring has evolved into a competitive sport in which participants navigate a course featuring jumps, gates, and, in some cases, spear rings. The sport is practiced in several forms, including skier-and-horse teams, cowboy skijoring, and variations involving dogs, vehicles, or snowmobiles.

Grand Lake Skijoring is a nonprofit organization established in 2025 to facilitate the Grand Lake Skijoring Event. Bringing skijoring to Grand Lake has been a long-standing goal, and the event is expected to attract a significant number of competitors and spectators, contributing to community engagement and local economic activity.

Grand Lake Skijoring, as the event organizer, has submitted a Special Event Permit application for the Grand Lake Skijoring Event to be held from February 27, 2026, through March 1, 2026. As a nonprofit organization, Grand Lake Skijoring is requesting that the Board of Trustees waive the following fees associated with the event:

- \$250 Special Event Permit application fee
- \$900 Community House rental fee
- \$300 Town Hall Kitchen rental fee

REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

Pursuant to Section 11-6-3(C) of the Town of Grand Lake Municipal Code, the Board of Trustees shall consider the following factors when reviewing a Special Event Permit application:

- (a) The predominant use of the primary facility being used; and*
- (b) The proposed event and the event hours; and*



- (c) Neighborhood compatibility; and*
- (d) Effect of the proposed event on the community; and*
- (e) The Town's anticipated cost in staff time and equipment use; and*
- (f) The benefit to non-profit from the event; and*
- (g) The benefit to local businesses from the event; and*
- (h) Duplication of services or sale items; and*
- (i) Nature of the past event issues or similar past event issues.*

FISCAL NOTE

In 2025, the Board of Trustees waived the \$250 Special Event Permit application fee for Grand Lake Skijoring.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

I make a motion to approve/(deny) **RESOLUTION 11-2026, A RESOLUTION SETTING CERTAIN FEES FOR GRAND LAKE SKIJORING “GRAND LAKE SKIJORING” EVENT TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 27TH, 2026 THROUGH MARCH 1ST, 2026**