

RESOLUTION 2025-25

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY #25 –  
PUBLIC PURPOSE EXPENDITURE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pipestone (“City”) is committed to ensuring that expenditures adhere to the Minnesota Public Purpose Doctrine under the Minnesota State Constitution, Article X, Section 1, which allows cities to spend funds to further a public purpose and as authorized by the City Council through the adoption of the City’s annual budget; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff has proposed authorizing the offering of fee discounts, or other incentives, for the use of City parks and recreational facilities and the participation in City programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes the benefits of attracting City residents to use City parks, the Ewert Recreation Center and other facilities, and to take part in programs offered by the City, result in significant benefits to the City, to its businesses and to the health and welfare of its residents, and thereby services the interests of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2026, the City Council will review the impact of the policy amendment for the year 2025 and determine whether the policy amendment should remain in effect.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Pipestone, Minnesota, as follows:

1. Administrative Policy #25 – Public Purpose Expenditure is hereby amended by adding the language set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.
2. The amendment set forth in Exhibit A shall no longer be effective after December 31, 2025 unless further extended and approved by the City Council.
3. The City Council ratifies and approves any discounts or incentives previously offered by City staff.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Pipestone this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

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Dan Delaney  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deb Nelson  
City Administrator

**EXHIBIT A**

Administrative Policy #25 – Public Purpose Expenditure Amendment

(attached hereto)

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY #25**  
**PUBLIC PURPOSE EXPENDITURE**

**Fee Discounts/Incentives**

The City Council recognizes the benefits of attracting City residents to use City parks, the Ewert Recreation Center and other facilities, and to take part in programs offered by the City, resulting in significant benefits to the City, its business and to the health and welfare of its residents. The following items are deemed to meet the City Council's definition of public purpose expenditures with regard to City fee discounts and incentives:

- Discounts on park rental fees, excluding the Hiawatha Lodge and Hiawatha Pageant Park, Ewert Recreation Center and City pool admission fees, punch cards and rental fees.
- Incentives and offers, including discounts on membership fees and membership upgrades.

All proposed discounts and incentives are limited to City residents and must be reviewed and approved by the City Council. All discounts and incentives must be fully and sufficiently documented by the applicable department head to meet the City's accounting and auditing requirements.