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Date: November 5, 2025

RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SANDPOINT

TITLE: APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO EXISTING FEES AND FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Idaho Code § 63-1311A, proposed new City fees or fee increases in excess of five percent (5%) require a public hearing prior to approval;

WHEREAS: In the recently adopted fiscal year 2026 fee schedule, under Parks Field Usage (pages 5-6), the maximum charge per tournament was changed to apply *per facility* used in a tournament;

WHEREAS: In the previous fee schedule, when a sports tournament used *multiple* facilities and the applicable hourly field use fees, tournament fee daily rate fees, and out of area team fees exceeded the max tournament fee, then the tournament max fee would apply, limiting the upper end cost of running a tournament to \$4,000;

WHEREAS: With the change recently adopted that applies this maximum to *each* facility used, it doubled the maximum tournament fee to \$8,000 for singular events that use multiple sports complexes, where it quickly became apparent to staff that this increased amount would impair the fundraising benefit to local clubs hosting tournaments in Sandpoint;

WHEREAS: Because profits from regional tournaments are rolled over into clubs' budgets to help keep program costs affordable for local youth, in some cases, doubling the City's field use fees would impact the ability of local sporting groups to keep their participation fees affordable;

WHEREAS: Given the City's recent elimination of many recreational programs, opportunities for affordable youth sports in Sandpoint are fewer than they have been in the past;

WHEREAS: Due to these circumstances, staff recommend reverting back to the policy of charging one max tournament fee regardless of the number of facilities used, as opposed to charging for *each* facility used;

WHEREAS: The increased fee recently adopted has not yet been charged to any group; and

WHEREAS: As this is not a new fee and not an increase over 5%, no public hearing is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: In the City Fee Schedule, under Parks Field Usage, the "Max Charge per tournament" is hereby amended to remove reference to the "per facility" charge.

Jeremy Grimm, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ward, City Clerk