

No: 26-
Date: June 3, 2026

RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SANDPOINT

TITLE: ADOPTING THE PARKS, BUILDINGS, AND GROUNDS DIVISION PESTICIDE/HERBICIDE APPLICATION POLICY FOR CITY PARKS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, AND CITY-MAINTAINED FACILITIES.

WHEREAS: The City of Sandpoint maintains parks, rights-of-way, recreation areas, and other City-owned properties;

WHEREAS: City staff currently use a combination of mechanical, cultural, and limited chemical methods to manage weeds and pests;

WHEREAS: The City Council directed staff on April 1, 2026, to prepare a formal pesticide and herbicide application policy for Council consideration;

WHEREAS: Staff prepared the attached Parks, Buildings, and Grounds Division Pesticide/Herbicide Application Policy to establish clear standards for chemical use on City-maintained properties;

WHEREAS: The policy limits herbicide use to certain non-turf areas where weeds cannot reasonably be controlled through mechanical means alone and prohibits herbicide use in turf and active recreation areas;

WHEREAS: The policy limits pesticide use primarily to building interiors and similar areas where non-chemical pest control methods are ineffective;

WHEREAS: The policy includes environmental protections, setback requirements from waterways and stormwater systems, weather-related application restrictions, public notice requirements, and safety measures to reduce public exposure and protect water quality;

WHEREAS: The policy prioritizes non-chemical methods and establishes chemical applications as a last resort consistent with integrated pest management practices; and

WHEREAS: The City Council finds that adopting the policy will provide clear direction to staff, improve transparency, strengthen environmental protections, and support responsible maintenance practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Parks, Buildings, and Grounds Division Pesticide/Herbicide Application Policy attached hereto is effective immediately upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City, to execute this resolution.

Jeremy Grimm, Mayor

ATTEST:

Meri Jane Bohn, City Clerk