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Date: December 4, 2024

RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SANDPOINT

TITLE: WAIVING MEMBERSHIP FEE TO JAMES E. RUSSELL SPORTS CENTER FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS: The City's new James E. Russell (JER) Sports Center, opening December 1, 2024, offers high-quality fitness facilities and recreation programs;

WHEREAS: The annual JER membership fee is \$400 for Sandpoint residents and \$450 for those who reside outside city limits;

WHEREAS: The Mayor recommends a waiver of the annual membership fee for City employees as a new employee benefit to support and encourage employee health and wellness;

WHEREAS: City employees with the waived membership fee will enjoy access to discounted tennis and pickleball court usage fees, further discounts on summertime rates, promoting year-round recreational engagement, and member rates for all City recreation programs offered at the Center, enabling affordable participation in various fitness and recreational activities;

WHEREAS: Recognizing the unique scheduling and wellness needs of police officers, Sandpoint City Police Department employees will have 24-hour access to the Sports Center for personal health and wellness activities, where, outside of regular operating hours (7 am - 8 pm), police officers will be able to access the facility free of charge for individual use, supporting fitness and stress management during winter months when outdoor options are limited; and

WHEREAS: With approval, this fee waiver would be immediately activated and available for employees to register and begin enjoying this benefit upon opening of the new center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The policy outlining the Sandpoint City Employee Membership Fee Waiver at James E. Russell Sports Center, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as if fully incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Jeremy Grimm, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ward, City Clerk