



April 29th, 2026

Good afternoon Haley.

My spidey-senses were going off today and just happened to pop in to see if our application was approved. ...I see here in my email that we were denied. Amber and I would like to appeal this denial to City Council. This is our official written notice to appeal within 48 hours of receiving this denial email.

The Sandpoint Showdown was a great success for a "first year" event, and we had an awesome turnout. We personally had hundreds of people thank us and the city for allowing this event in Downtown Sandpoint. We're asked daily if it's happening again this year and many have asked how they can be involved. I've also had wonderful feedback from 99% of our local shop owners and even a few of our city council members. The Sandpoint Showdown without a doubt positively contributed to Sandpoint's fall shoulder season and we'd like an opportunity to host the event again in 2026.

After hosting this event one time, we are more seasoned and can now see where we need to have communication with the city when we encounter ANY changes from the original plan. We are more aware of what safety looks like from a city and police objective. We are willing to add these items (bull and crane to our application) or just eliminate them. We want to ensure community safety guidelines are met and are happy to add security this year as well. We did offer private security last year but were told by the police department that they'd prefer not to have private security. As for the burnouts, I was only aware of one after the event was over. I honestly thought that was pretty good for 750 bikes in town but we want to make sure the city, police department, community members, Sandpoint and state property are well respected and honored by every guest at the event. Sure hope we get the opportunity to correct our learning curve mistakes and make this event even better than it was last year. I'd love to schedule a meeting with you, Haley, and appreciate your help.

Sincerely,
Shery

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