

Attachment A

Resolution No. 2026-44

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING CITY COUNCIL POLICIES A-12 AND B-12 AND ADOPTING COUNCIL POLICY A-12 (COMMUNITY PROGRAM GRANTS AND COMMUNITY EVENT ASSISTANCE POLICY), COUNCIL POLICY A-13 (DISCRETIONARY GRANTS POLICY) AND COUNCIL POLICY B-12 (STRATEGIC SPONSORSHIP POLICY), REGARDING PUBLIC BENEFIT FUNDING PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the City of Newport Beach ("City") is governed by its Charter, Municipal Code, and adopted City Council Policies;

WHEREAS, the City Council has historically maintained policies authorizing various forms of financial assistance, sponsorships, fee waivers, event support, community grants and discretionary funding intended to promote programs, events and activities that benefit the residents of Newport Beach;

WHEREAS, over time, the City has utilized multiple funding mechanisms to support charitable, cultural, educational, recreational, civic, community-serving, tourism-related and public-benefit activities occurring within Newport Beach or otherwise benefiting Newport Beach residents;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that different forms of City assistance serve distinct public purposes and involve different policy considerations, including financial need, community benefit, economic impact, promotional value, tourism enhancement and district-specific priorities;

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that public interest is best served by establishing clear, transparent, objective and viewpoint-neutral policies governing the various forms of City assistance and support;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to distinguish between: assistance intended primarily to support community-serving programs and events based upon demonstrated public benefit and financial need; assistance intended to function as strategic public-private sponsorship partnerships providing measurable promotional, economic, cultural, charitable or community value to the City; and discretionary funding intended to address district-specific or citywide priorities identified by individual members of the City Council;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that modernizing and reorganizing the City's funding policies will improve transparency, accountability, consistency, public understanding and administrative efficiency while preserving the City Council's discretion regarding the expenditure of public funds;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to repeal and replace the existing versions of Council Policies A-12 and B-12 and to adopt revised Council Policies A-12, A-13, and B-12 to establish separate policy frameworks governing Community Program Grants and Community Event Assistance, District Discretionary Grants, and Strategic Sponsorships; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the adoption of revised Council Policies A-12, A-13, and B-12 will further legitimate public purposes by promoting community engagement, cultural enrichment, charitable activities, civic participation, economic vitality, tourism enhancement, neighborhood improvement and other public benefits that improve the quality of life in Newport Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1: The City Council adopts City Council Policies A-12 (Community Program Grants and Community Event Assistance Policy), A-13 (Discretionary Grants Policy), and B-12 (Strategic Sponsorship Policy) as shown in Exhibit 1, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2: All prior versions of City Council Policies A-12 and B-12 are hereby repealed.

Section 3: The recitals provided in this resolution are true and correct and are incorporated into the operative part of this resolution.

Section 4: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this resolution. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5: Except as expressly modified in this resolution, all other City Council Policies, sections, subsections, terms, clauses and phrases set forth in the Council Policy Manual shall remain unchanged and shall be in full force and effect.

Section 6: The City Council finds the adoption of this resolution and the amendment of the foregoing Council Policies is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

Section 7: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting the resolution.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2026.

Lauren Kleiman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lena Shumway
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



Aaron C. Harp
City Attorney

Attachments: Exhibit 1 – Revised City Council Policies A-12, A-13, and B-12

Exhibit 1

Revised City Council Policies A-12, A-13, and B-12

COMMUNITY PROGRAM GRANTS AND COMMUNITY EVENT ASSISTANCE POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of this Community Program Grants and Community Event Assistance Policy ("Policy") is to establish a fair, transparent, and viewpoint-neutral process for providing limited financial assistance, fee waivers and other community support to nonprofit organizations, community groups and community-serving events that provide a substantial public benefit to Newport Beach residents.

The Policy is intended to support worthwhile programs, services, activities and events that enhance the quality of life for Newport Beach residents through charitable, cultural, educational, recreational, civic, athletic, artistic, youth-serving or other community-focused activities.

Assistance provided pursuant to this Policy is intended to further legitimate public purposes and promote community engagement, public participation, cultural enrichment, recreational opportunities, charitable activities and other public-serving benefits.

Funding or assistance under this Policy is distinct from:

- Strategic Sponsorships governed by Council Policy B-12;
- Economic development or tourism promotion agreements;
- Advertising or promotional partnerships; and
- Community Development Block Grant or other federally regulated funding programs.

Funding determinations under this Policy shall be based primarily upon demonstrated public benefit and financial need, rather than anticipated economic impact, tourism promotion, advertising value or promotional consideration provided to the City.

Public Purpose

All assistance provided pursuant to this Policy shall serve a valid public purpose.

The City Council retains sole legislative discretion to determine whether a proposed activity, program, service, or event provides sufficient public benefit to justify the expenditure or waiver.

Nothing in this Policy shall create an entitlement or right to receive funding, fee waivers or other assistance. All assistance is solely for the fiscal year in which it is awarded.

Types of Assistance

Assistance under this Policy may be provided in the following categories:

- A. Community Program Grants (Monetary Assistance). Direct financial assistance provided by the City to support qualifying nonprofit programs, services, activities, or events that provide substantial public benefit to Newport Beach residents.

Community Program Grants may include:

- Program funding;
- Event funding;
- Seed funding for new community programs; or
- Other limited monetary assistance approved by the City Council.

- B. Community Event Assistance (Primarily Non-Monetary Assistance). Intended as primarily non-monetary assistance provided by the City for qualifying community-serving events or activities.

Community Event Assistance may include:

- Fee waivers;
- Reduced facility rental fees;
- In-kind City support;
- Limited City services;
- Facility use assistance;
- Event-related operational assistance; or
- Other support, including limited monetary assistance, authorized by the City Council or administrative procedures adopted pursuant to this Policy.

Except where otherwise expressly stated, the provisions of this Policy shall apply to both Community Program Grants and Community Event Assistance requests.

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for assistance under this Policy, an applicant shall satisfy the following minimum requirements:

- The applicant must be a nonprofit organization recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or otherwise demonstrates a substantial charitable, educational, recreational, cultural, civic or community-serving purpose acceptable to the City Council;
- The funded activity, program, service or event must primarily occur within Newport Beach or primarily benefit Newport Beach residents;
- The activity or event must be reasonably accessible to the public;
- The applicant must demonstrate an identifiable community benefit;
- The applicant must clearly identify the proposed use of City monetary assistance; and
- The applicant must comply with City permitting, insurance, indemnification, operational and safety requirements, if applicable, as determined by the City Manager and City Attorney, or their designees.

Organizations or activities that do not provide substantial direct or indirect benefit to Newport Beach residents shall not be eligible for assistance under this Policy.

Funding Priorities

When evaluating requests under this Policy, priority may be given to:

- Organizations located within Newport Beach;
- Programs directly serving Newport Beach residents;
- Activities providing broad community participation;
- Youth-serving, educational, recreational, cultural, civic or charitable activities;
- Events demonstrating substantial volunteer involvement;
- Programs expanding public access to community activities; and
- Organizations demonstrating responsible financial stewardship.

Financial Need Standards

Community Program Grants and Community Event Assistance are intended to support organizations and activities demonstrating a reasonable need for public assistance.

In evaluating financial need, the City may consider:

- Prior-year profitability;
- Unrestricted reserve levels;
- Availability of alternative funding sources;
- Sponsorship revenues;
- Whether the event or program would reasonably occur without City assistance;
- The extent to which City assistance materially enhances public benefit; and
- The overall financial condition of the applicant.

No single factor shall automatically disqualify an applicant.

The City retains discretion to evaluate the totality of circumstances in determining public benefit and financial need.

Financial Documentation Requirements

Applicants requesting Community Program Grants or Community Event Assistance involving direct monetary assistance shall provide sufficient financial information to allow the City to evaluate financial need, operational viability and fiscal responsibility.

Required documentation may include:

- Organization-wide financial statements;
- IRS Form 990 filings;
- Event or program budgets;
- Balance sheets;
- Profit and loss statements;
- Prior-year event financials;

- Sponsorship and revenue information; and
- Other financial materials reasonably requested by the City.

Applicants requesting monetary assistance of \$10,000 or less may be subject to reduced financial disclosure requirements as determined appropriate by the City Manager, or designee.

Applicants requesting assistance consisting solely of fee waivers or limited in-kind support may be subject to streamlined financial disclosure requirements or exempted from certain financial documentation requirements as determined appropriate by the City Manager, or designee, based upon:

- The size of the request;
- The nature of the event;
- The level of City risk exposure;
- The operational complexity of the event; and
- The amount of direct financial assistance requested, if any.

Applicants shall disclose any other City grants, sponsorships, fee waivers, discretionary funding or other City financial assistance received during the same fiscal year.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Applicants shall disclose any known financial interest, governance relationship, employment relationship or affiliation involving City officials, employees or appointed officials that could reasonably create the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Nothing in this Policy shall supersede applicable conflict of interest laws.

Eligible and Ineligible Uses – Monetary Assistance

- A. Eligible Uses. Monetary assistance may be used for legitimate programmatic or event-related expenses including:
- Venue or facility costs;
 - Temporary staffing;
 - Public programming;

- Entertainment;
- Equipment rentals;
- Event operations;
- Security;
- Marketing and outreach related for the funded activity;
- Community participation activities; and
- Similar public-facing expenses.

B. Ineligible Uses. Monetary assistance shall not be used for:

- General organizational overhead unrelated to the funded activity;
- Ongoing administrative operations unrelated to the funded activity;
- Executive compensation unrelated to the funded activity;
- Private or non-public purposes;
- Political or campaign activities;
- Activities prohibited by law; or
- Activities inconsistent with applicable nondiscrimination laws.

Agreements, Insurance, and Administrative Requirements

The City may require agreements, insurance documentation, indemnification provisions, permits, operational plans, security plans, traffic management plans or other administrative documentation as determined necessary by the City Manager and City Attorney, or their designee.

Community Program Grants and Community Event Assistance involving direct monetary assistance shall require a written agreement approved in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

Community Event Assistance requests involving only fee waivers or limited in-kind support may utilize simplified administrative procedures and may not require a formal written agreement where the City Manager, or designee, determines the level of risk and financial exposure to be minimal.

Funding Limitations

Community Program Grant funding and Community Event Assistance are intended as limited public support and generally should not create ongoing dependency upon City assistance.

The City Council may establish:

- Annual funding caps;
- Maximum award amounts;
- Fee waiver limitations;
- Program categories; and
- Other fiscal limitations through the annual budget process.

Funding or assistance provided in one fiscal year shall not create any expectation or obligation regarding future assistance.

Objective Evaluation Criteria

Applications shall be evaluated using viewpoint-neutral and objective criteria, including:

- Community benefit;
- Financial need;
- Public accessibility;
- Organizational capacity;
- Prior performance;
- Fiscal responsibility;
- Geographic connection to Newport Beach;
- Compliance history; and
- Overall consistency with the purposes of this Policy.

The City shall not award or deny assistance based upon agreement or disagreement with the viewpoints, perspectives, ideology, or protected expression of any applicant.

Transparency and Public Records

Applications and supporting materials submitted to the City may constitute public records subject to disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act, subject to applicable exemptions permitted by law.

Applicants are responsible for clearly identifying materials claimed to be confidential or proprietary. Submission of materials identified as confidential does not guarantee confidentiality.

Reporting and Accountability

Recipients shall provide post-event or post-program reporting sufficient to demonstrate compliance with approved purposes.

Reporting may include:

- Attendance or participation information;
- Revenue and expense summaries;
- Description of community benefits achieved;
- Documentation of assistance usage; and
- Other information reasonably requested by the City.

Reporting requirements may vary depending upon:

- The amount of assistance provided;
- Whether assistance is monetary or non-monetary;
- The complexity of the event or program; and
- The level of City risk exposure.

Recipients receiving only limited fee waivers or in-kind assistance may be subject to simplified reporting requirements.

Recipients shall maintain records relating to the use of City assistance for a period established by the City and shall provide such records upon request for audit or compliance purposes.

The City reserves the right to withhold, reduce, deny or recover assistance if:

- Assistance is used inconsistently with approved purposes;
- Required reporting is not provided;
- Material misrepresentations are identified; or
- The funded activity is canceled or materially modified without City approval.

Administration

The City Manager, or designee, may establish administrative guidelines, application procedures, timelines, scoring criteria, funding categories, insurance requirements, documentation standards and reporting requirements consistent with this Policy.

The City Manager, or designee, may establish separate procedures for:

- Community Program Grants involving direct monetary assistance; and
- Community Event Assistance involving fee waivers, monetary assistance, or in-kind support.

Administrative scoring or ranking systems shall be advisory only and shall not limit the legislative discretion of the City Council.

Community Program Grants and Community Event Assistance awards shall be subject to approval by the City Council unless otherwise authorized pursuant to Council-approved administrative procedures.

History

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DISCRETIONARY GRANTS POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of the Discretionary Grants Policy is to provide the City Council with a flexible mechanism to support projects, programs, events, community organizations and other public-serving initiatives that provide demonstrable public benefit to the residents of Newport Beach. Discretionary Grants are intended to enhance the quality of life within the community by supporting civic, charitable, cultural, educational, recreational, beautification, neighborhood and other community-oriented activities consistent with the City's goals and priorities.

The City Council recognizes that limited discretionary funding may appropriately be used to address unique community needs, support local initiatives, encourage civic engagement and respond to district-specific or citywide priorities that may not otherwise fall within established City programs or funding categories.

All discretionary funding shall serve a valid public purpose and shall remain subject to annual budget appropriation by the City Council. Nothing in this Policy shall create an entitlement or right to funding.

District Discretionary Grant Accounts

At the start of each fiscal year, the City Manager shall establish within the City Council budget a District Discretionary Grant Account for each City Council district, subject to annual appropriation by the City Council through the budget process.

Each City Council Member may recommend the expenditure of available district discretionary funds allocated for their City Council district for projects, programs, events, or community organizations that provide an identifiable public benefit either to the City as a whole or to the applicable Council district specifically.

All expenditures pursuant to this Policy shall:

- Serve a legitimate public purpose.
- Provide a demonstrable public benefit.
- Comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws.

Discretionary Grant funding shall not be used for:

- Political or campaign activities.

- Personal gifts or private benefits.
- Activities prohibited by law.
- Expenditures lacking a sufficient public purpose.

Administration

Requests for discretionary grant funding shall be submitted in a form approved by the City Manager or Administrative Services Director and shall include sufficient information to identify:

- The recipient organization or entity.
- The proposed use of funds.
- The public purpose and anticipated community benefit.
- Any other information reasonably requested by the City Manager or Administrative Services Director.

The Administrative Services Director shall administer the financial processing of approved discretionary grants consistent with applicable City financial procedures.

The City Manager may establish administrative guidelines and procedures necessary to implement this Policy.

Reporting and Transparency

Expenditures from District Discretionary Grant Accounts shall be reported to the City Council periodically or at least annually. Such report may include:

- The recipient's name.
- The amount awarded.
- A brief description of the funded activity.
- The public benefit associated with the expenditure.

Fiscal Year-End Treatment

At the conclusion of each fiscal year, any unencumbered funds remaining within a District Discretionary Grant Account shall revert to the City's General Fund Reserve unless otherwise directed by the City Council through the budget process.

History

Adopted A-13 - 6-23-2026

STRATEGIC SPONSORSHIP POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of the Strategic Sponsorship Program is to support specific events, programs and initiatives that provide measurable economic, promotional, cultural, charitable or community benefits to Newport Beach.

Unlike Community Program Grants and Community Event Assistance under Council Policy A-12, Strategic Sponsorships are not based upon demonstrated financial need. Strategic Sponsorships are intended to function as public-private partnerships in which City of Newport Beach support is tied to identifiable public-facing benefits, promotional opportunities, tourism enhancement, community activation, economic impact or other measurable value provided to the City and its residents.

Strategic Sponsorships are intended to support activities that enhance Newport Beach's identity, visibility, cultural offerings, tourism economy and quality of life.

Public Purpose

All Strategic Sponsorship expenditures shall serve a valid public purpose. Sponsorship support shall be based upon identifiable public benefits and consideration received by the City.

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for Strategic Sponsorship funding, applicants shall satisfy the following requirements:

- A. **Single Event or Initiative Requirement.** Sponsorship funding must be tied to one clearly identified event, program or initiative occurring within a defined timeframe. Sponsorship eligibility is intended for organizations or entities with a direct and primary nexus to the sponsored activity and not for generalized umbrella organizations serving as fiscal sponsors or administrative platforms for numerous unrelated activities or events.
- B. **Applicants.** Applicants must either: (a) be a standalone entity formed specifically to organize or administer the sponsored event, program or initiative; or (b) be an organization whose primary mission, activities and operations are substantially centered on a single identifiable public benefit purpose directly related to the sponsored event, program or initiative.

Organizations operating numerous unrelated events, programs, causes or activities under a single organizational structure may be deemed ineligible if the proposed sponsorship constitutes only one of many unrelated organizational activities.

The City may consider the degree of organizational focus, mission alignment, operational integration, and nexus between the applicant organization and the proposed sponsored activity when determining eligibility under this section.

- C. **Location Requirement.** The event or initiative must occur primarily within Newport Beach or demonstrate substantial direct benefit to Newport Beach residents, businesses or visitors.
- D. **Alignment with City Goals.** The proposed event or initiative should align with one or more City goals or priorities, including:
- Tourism promotion.
 - Economic development.
 - Cultural enrichment.
 - Charitable engagement.
 - Community activation.
 - Enhancement of residents' quality of life.
 - Promotion of Newport Beach as a destination.
- E. **Measurable Public Benefit.** Applicants must demonstrate anticipated measurable public benefits associated with the sponsorship request. Relevant considerations may include:
- Attendance.
 - Visitor attraction.
 - Hotel occupancy or Transient Occupancy Tax generation.
 - Sales tax generation.

- Media exposure.
- Marketing impressions.
- Community participation.
- Economic impact.
- Promotional reach.

Applicants shall provide supporting documentation such as prior-year attendance data, marketing analytics, economic impact information, sponsorship metrics or similar supporting materials where available.

F. **Financial Viability.** Applicants shall demonstrate the operational and financial capacity to successfully complete the sponsored event or initiative. Applicants shall provide:

- Event-specific budgets.
- Revenue sources.
- Sponsorship information.
- In-kind contributions.
- Prior-year financial information, where available.

G. **City Recognition and Promotional Value.** The City shall receive recognition and promotional value reasonably commensurate with the sponsorship amount. Sponsorship agreements may include:

- City logo placement.
- Recognition in advertising and promotional materials.
- On-site acknowledgment.
- Digital and social media promotion.
- Marketing rights.
- Public acknowledgment of City participation.

- H. **Insurance and Risk Management.** Recipients shall comply with applicable insurance, indemnification, permitting and operational requirements as determined by the City Manager and City Attorney, or their designees.
- I. **Transparency and Disclosure. Applicants shall disclose:**
- Major sponsors and partners.
 - Public funding received from other agencies.
 - In-kind contributions.
 - Affiliated organizations.
 - Intended use of City sponsorship funds.
 - Any other City grants, sponsorships, fee waivers, discretionary funding or other financial assistance received from the City during the same fiscal year.

Transparency and Public Records

Applications and supporting materials submitted to the City may constitute public records subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act, subject to applicable exemptions and confidentiality protections permitted by law.

Applicants are responsible for clearly identifying any materials claimed to be confidential or proprietary. Submission of materials identified as confidential or proprietary does not guarantee confidentiality and these materials may be disclosed to the public.

Conflict-of Interest

Applicants shall disclose any financial interest, governance relationship, employment relationship or affiliation involving City officials, employees or appointed officials that could reasonably create the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Evaluation Criteria

Strategic Sponsorship applications shall be evaluated using objective and viewpoint-neutral criteria, including:

- Anticipated public benefit.
- Economic and promotional impact.

- Community engagement.
- Organizational capacity.
- Alignment with City priorities.
- Prior performance.
- Geographic relevance to Newport Beach.
- Fiscal responsibility.

The City shall not award or deny sponsorships based upon agreement or disagreement with protected viewpoints or expressive activity.

Relationship with Tourism Promotion Activities

This Policy is intended to supplement, and not duplicate, tourism promotion activities separately funded through Visit Newport Beach or Transient Occupancy Tax-supported destination marketing programs.

The City may consider whether proposed sponsorship activities are already substantially funded through existing tourism promotion mechanisms when evaluating sponsorship requests.

Funding Limitations

The City Council may establish annual sponsorship funding levels, category limits, maximum award amounts and multi-year funding restrictions through the budget process. All sponsorship funding shall be subject to annual budget appropriation by the City Council.

Nothing in this Policy shall create an entitlement or right to sponsorship funding. The City Council retains sole discretion regarding all sponsorship determinations made pursuant to this Policy. Sponsorship funding in one fiscal year shall not create any expectation or obligation regarding future sponsorship funding.

Post-Event Reporting

Recipients shall provide post-event reporting demonstrating actual outcomes compared to projected benefits, which may include:

- Attendance figures.
- Marketing and media metrics.
- Economic impact information, if available.
- Documentation of City recognition provided.
- Final revenue and expense summaries.
- Narrative summary of event outcomes and community benefits.

Recipients shall maintain records relating to the use of City funds for a minimum period established by the City and shall provide such records to the City upon request for audit or compliance purposes.

Use of Monetary Assistance

Monetary assistance shall not be used for:

- General organizational overhead unrelated to the funded activity.
- Ongoing administrative operations unrelated to the funded activity.
- Executive compensation unrelated to the funded activity.
- Private or non-public purposes.
- Political or campaign activities.
- Activities prohibited by law.
- Activities inconsistent with applicable nondiscrimination laws.

Enforcement and Recovery

The City reserves the right to withhold, reduce or recover sponsorship funds if:

- Sponsorship funds are used inconsistently with approved purposes.
- Material misrepresentations are identified.
- Reporting requirements are not satisfied.
- Required promotional obligations are not fulfilled.

The event is canceled or substantially modified without City approval.

Administration

The City Manager, or designee, may develop administrative procedures, scoring systems, application materials, sponsorship agreements, reporting requirements and enforcement mechanisms consistent with this Policy. Any scoring or ranking system developed administratively shall be advisory only and shall not limit the legislative discretion of the City Council.

Strategic Sponsorships are discretionary public-benefit funding arrangements and are not intended to constitute procurement contracts for services.

Strategic Sponsorships shall be subject to approval by the City Council unless otherwise authorized by Council-adopted administrative procedures.

Exception to Council Policy B-12

This policy shall not apply to the City's annual co-sponsorship of the Independence Day fireworks. The City of Newport Beach recognizes that the annual Independence Day fireworks event, provided by the private resort operated within the lower Back Bay, is a worthwhile event benefiting many City residents. Moreover, the fireworks display is enjoyed by the citizens as a community and family event.

Therefore, when fireworks events are scheduled at this location by the private resort in commemoration of Independence Day, the City Council may annually budget an amount between \$ 20,000 and \$ 40,000 for the fireworks events, provided that: (1) City residents have free access to the event, with the exception of parking fees; (2) the City is recognized as a co-sponsor of the event in all publicity and promotional materials for the fireworks display; and (3) the applicant provides evidence of insurance with the City named as an additional insured, the amount of coverage determined by the City Manager and the City Attorney, or their designees.

History

Adopted I-24 - 3-9-1998

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