CITY OF SPOKANE PARK BOARD RESOLUTION

A resolution declaring an endorsement by the City of Spokane Park Board for the adoption of a revised Spokane Municipal Code (SMC) 12.06A.040.

WHEREAS, SMC 12.06A.040 was passed May 7, 2018, was found to be incomplete and requiring updating to reflect current park user needs; and,

WHEREAS, SMC 12.06A.040 does not adequately address current challenges and efforts by both Spokane Police Department (SPD), and Parks and Recreation Division; and,

WHEREAS, the Park Board is desirous of improving safety and availability of park facilities for everyone in the community; and,

WHEREAS, a lack of clarity around existing park rules addressing events and other community gatherings has created ambiguity about the types of park usage requiring a permit or reservation; and,

WHEREAS, current park rules make no mention of the process to obtain an event permit or reservation in a city park, including how to request supporting city services often required to manage the impact associated with special events; and,

WHEREAS, current park rules lack a framework for event follow-through between event organizers and Parks, including cost recovery for city services that are sometimes needed to manage events and activities that have broad or adverse impact, or accountability for those opting not to follow the permit process; and,

WHEREAS, language to SMC 12.06A.040 will be revised, allowing park rules to provide community guidance, expectations, and when necessary, enforcement and accountability for special events and reservations; and,

-- Now Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Park Board endorses the revisions to SMC 12.06A.040, provided that revisions to 12.06A.040 are adopted by City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE SPOKANE PARK BOARD: November 12, 2020.

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Park Board President

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Attest:

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City Clerk Assistant City Attorney

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