

# Municipality of Anchorage



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Resolution 2016-16  
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

## **Resolution of Support for Waiving of Park Use Fees for the Girdwood Forest Fair**

**WHEREAS**, the Girdwood Forest Fair has operated successful and well-organized events, responded to the community's concerns, and has been a great community asset to Girdwood for the last 41 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Girdwood Forest Fair Committee volunteers work year round to produce, operate, and manage this quality event; and

**WHEREAS**, the Girdwood Forest Fair Committee relies on a group of over 300 local volunteers who dedicate time and share in the comradery of working together toward this cause, building a strong community in addition to creating a great event; and

**WHEREAS**, the Girdwood Forest Fair provides a boost to the local economy, small business owners in Girdwood, and artisans statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Girdwood Forest Fair shares its revenues in various ways within the community, including scholarships, donations including:

- Scholarships of \$3000 per year to local young people to use toward their continuing education; and
- donations to local non-profit groups equaling over \$250,000 in the last ten years
- donation to the Girdwood 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to be used toward the middle school's field trip to Washington, DC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Girdwood Forest Fair contributes needed infrastructure improvements within the Girdwood Park annually. Such improvements include:

- paving pedestrian pathways through the park
- construction and maintenance of the Marlow and Nissman Pavilions
- improvements to the disc golf course
- improvements to Little Bear's Park
- improvements to the Skate Park
- construction and improvement of the Girdwood Campground; and

**WHEREAS**, the Girdwood Forest Fair contributes beautification efforts to the Forest Fair Park through planting annuals and providing public art in the park through the Girdwood Art Camp program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Girdwood Forest Fair provides performance opportunities to talented amateur musicians of all ages and provides opportunity to Alaskan vendors who sell quality, well-crafted Alaska-made items; and

**WHEREAS**, the Girdwood Forest Fair provides public safety monitoring within the park during the event, cleans the park prior to and after the event, returning park grounds to Girdwood Parks and Recreation in better shape than it was in prior to the weekend's festivities, and

**WHEREAS**, the Girdwood Forest Fair has pushed forward with a "green" and sustainable agenda, promoted by Forest Fair Committee to all vendors to use biodegradable containers, providing a hydration station for self-filling of water bottles, and limiting plastic and glass whenever possible, and

**WHEREAS**, the Girdwood Forest Fair is a quality event that is a source of pride for all the citizens of Girdwood Valley, and is an opportunity for the community to showcase our hometown to visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Girdwood Forest Fair supports common causes within the community, and connects locals and builds the sense of community for which Girdwood is known;

**WHEREAS**, the Girdwood Forest Fair pays a per cup fee for serving alcohol in the Beer Garden

**THEREFORE**, it is resolved by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors to waive park use fees for the cleanup weekend prior to the Girdwood Forest Fair and for the Forest Fair dates in 2017 and in future years.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Girdwood Board of Supervisors by a vote of 4-0 this 19<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2016.

Eryn A. Boone 12/20/16  
Eryn Boone GBOS Date

Margaret Lynn  
Attest