

RESOLUTION NO. -2026

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE
PARKS & RECREATION SERVICE DELIVERY AND COORDINATION POLICY**

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg recognizes that parks and recreation are essential public services that contribute significantly to the health, wellness, economic vitality, and quality of life of the Fort Bragg community; and

WHEREAS, Community engagement conducted by the City has consistently demonstrated strong public support for expanded parks and recreation opportunities, including outdoor recreation, trails and open space, youth sports, after-school programming, and community events; and

WHEREAS, The City owns and operates the C.V. Starr Community Center, Bainbridge Park, and other parks and recreation facilities that serve residents throughout the Mendocino Coast; and

WHEREAS, The City of Fort Bragg established a dedicated Parks and Recreation Department to provide coordinated management of recreation facilities, parks, aquatics, programs, community events, and long-range recreation planning; and

WHEREAS, The Department currently provides a wide variety of recreational opportunities including aquatics, swim lessons, youth programs, fitness classes, wellness activities, camps, community events, facility rentals, and outdoor recreation serving residents throughout the Mendocino Coast; and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that active recreation programming is essential to the responsible operation, maintenance, activation, and long-term financial sustainability of the C.V. Starr Community Center and other City-owned recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, The City's recently completed Financial Sustainability Strategy recommends annual evaluation of recreation services, continued pursuit of partnerships, thoughtful service delivery, and reduction of unnecessary duplication through strategic planning rather than elimination of services; and

WHEREAS, During the Municipal Service Review process, the Mendocino Local Agency Formation Commission encouraged continued coordination among recreation providers and expressed an interest in revisiting recreation service coordination in the future; and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that the existence of similar recreation programs offered by multiple public agencies does not, by itself, constitute unnecessary duplication, as recreation services frequently complement one another by serving different age groups, interests, locations, schedules, unmet community demand, or by maximizing the use of publicly owned recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, The City Council desires to establish a formal policy that promotes collaboration, responsible stewardship of public resources, objective evaluation of recreation services, and continued investment in high-quality recreation opportunities for the benefit of the entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby:

1. Adopts the Parks & Recreation Service Delivery and Coordination Policy attached as Exhibit A.
2. Directs staff to utilize the Recreation Program Evaluation Checklist attached as Exhibit B, when evaluating new or significantly expanded recreation programs.
3. Directs the City Manager or designee to annually invite the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District and other regional recreation providers to participate in recreation coordination meetings to identify opportunities to collaboration, partnerships, and efficient service delivery.
4. Directs staff to prepare an Annual Parks & Recreation Report for presentation to the City Council summarizing recreation programming, participation, partnerships, financial sustainability, and future priorities.
5. Declares that the City's objective is to provide high-quality recreation opportunities through collaboration, responsible stewardship of public resources, strategic investment in City-owned facilities, and thoughtful service delivery while avoiding unnecessary duplication of services whenever practical.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 10th day of August 2026, by the following vote:

**AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSED:**

JASON GODEKE
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Paoli
City Clerk