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City Clerk's Office

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Monday, September 21, 2026
City Council Chambers
680 Park Avenue, Idaho Falls, ID 83402
3:00 p.m.

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CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Times listed in parentheses are only estimates.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor, City Council	**Mayor and Council Reports:** Announcements, liaison reports, events, calendaring, Citywide updates, concerns, questions, proclamations, notes and/or minutes from boards and commissions (30) *Action: Council Direction to Staff (or take other appropriate action)*
CDS	**Discussion:** Serving Alcohol in Limited Commercial (LC) Zones (15) *Action: Council Direction to Staff (or take other appropriate action)*
Municipal Services, Legal, Parks & Recreation, Public Works	**City Property Update:** Bel Aire Division 3 and 610 Water Ave (30) *Action: Council Direction to Staff (or take other appropriate action)*
Mayor's Office, CDS, Legal	**Discussion:** Planned Unit Development (PUD) (90) *Action: Council Direction to Staff (or take other appropriate action)*

Dated this 18th day of September 2026

Linda Lundquist, City Clerk

STAFF REPORT

Amendment to Section 11-2-4, Table 11-2-2 Allowed Uses in Commercial Zones to permit Drinking Establishments in the LC, Limited Commercial Zone

September 1, 2026

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Community Development Services

Applicant: City of Idaho Falls

Project Manager: Caitlin Long

Attachments:

1. Proposed amendment language.

Requested Action: To **recommend approval** of an amendment to Section 11-2-4, Table 11-2-2 Allowed Uses in Commercial Zones to permit Drinking Establishment in the LC, Limited Commercial.

Staff Comments: The City is currently working on updating ordinances city-wide as it relates to alcohol licensing and server training for alcohol. In the Zoning Ordinance, Drinking Establishments are currently permitted in two commercial zones, HC and CC, and Industrial Zones. Restaurants with bars are currently permitted in LC but not Drinking Establishments. By permitting them in LC, this use aligns more with the other commercial uses and can be a stand alone drinking establishment or an accessory use. Drinking Establishments will still have to follow state law and other city ordinances to permit the sale and serving of alcohol.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the amendments to permit Drinking Establishments in LC, Limited Commercial Zones.

11-2-4: ALLOWED USES IN COMMERCIAL ZONES.

Table 11-2-2: Allowed Uses in Commercial Zones

P = permitted use. C1 = administrative conditional use. C2 = Board of Adjustment conditional use. C3 = City Council conditional use. A blank denotes a use that is not allowed in that zone.

*Indicates uses that are subject to specific land use provisions set forth in the Standards for Allowed Land Uses Section of this Chapter.

	Commercial				
Proposed Land Use Classification	**PB**	**CC**	**LC**	**HC**	**PT**
Accessory Use	P	P	P	P	P
Accessory Use, Fuel Station*		P	P	P	
Accessory Use, Storage Yard*		P	P	P	
Amusement Center, Indoor		P	P	P	
Amusement Center, Indoor Shooting Range*		P	P	P	
Amusement Center, Outdoor*				P	
Animal Care Clinic*	P	P	P	P	
Animal Care Facility*				P	
Bed and Breakfast*		P	P		P
Boarding /Rooming House		P	P		P
Building Material, Garden and Farm Supplies			P	P	
Cemetery*		C_2	C_2	C_2	
Club*		P	P	P	
Communication Facility		P	P	P	
Day Care, all Types*	P	P	P	P	P
Drinking Establishment		P	P	P	
Drive-through Establishment *	P*	P	P	P	P
Dry Cleaning				P	
Dwelling, Accessory Unit *		P	P	P	P
Dwelling, Multi-Unit*		P	P		P
Dwelling, Multi-Unit Attached*		P	P		P
Dwelling, Single Unit Attached*			P		
Dwelling, Single Unit Detached			P		
Dwelling, Two Unit			P		P
Eating Establishment		P	P	P	P
Eating Establishment, Limited	P	P	P	P	P
Financial Institutions	P	P	P	P	P
Entertainment and Cultural Facilities	P	P	P	P	P
Equipment Sales, Rental and Services			P	P	
Food Processing, Small Scale				P	
Food Store		P	P	P	P
Health Care and Social Services	P	P	P	P	P
Higher Education Center		P	P	P	P
Home Occupation*	P	P	P	P	P
Hospital*	C_2	C_2	C_2	C_2	C_2

Proposed Land Use Classification	PB	CC	LC	HC	PT
Industry, Craftsman	P	P	P	P	
Industry, Light		P		P	
Information Technology	P	P	P	P	P
Live-Work*	C_2	P	P	P	P
Lodging Facility		P	P	P	P
Mortuary				P	P
Parking Facility		P	P	P	P
Pawn Shop		P			
Personal Service	P	P	P	P	P
Professional Service	P	P	P	P	P
Planned Unit Development*		C_3	C_3		C_3
Public Service Facility*	C_2	C_2	C_2	C_2	C_2
Public Service Facility, Limited	P	P	P	P	P
Public Service Use	P	P	P	P	P
Recreation Vehicle Park*				P	
Religious Institution*		P	P	P	P
Residential Care Facility	P	P	P	P	P
Retail		P	P	P	P
School		P	P	P	P
Short Term Rental*		P	P		P
Fuel Station		P	P	P	
Fuel Station, Super		C_2	P	P	
Storage Facility, Indoor		P	P	P	P
Storage Facility, Outdoor				P	
Storage Yard*				P	
Transit Station		P	P	P	P
Vehicle Body Shop				P	
Vehicle Repair and Service		P	P	P	
Vehicle Sales, Rental and Service		P		P	
Vehicle Washing Facility		C_2	C_2	P	

(Ord. 3210, 8-23-18) (Ord. 3218, 9-13-18) (Ord. 3233, 12-20-18) (Ord 3277, 10-10-19) (Ord. 3358, 12-10-20) (Ord. 3451, 3-31-22) (Ord. 3574, 6-13-24)

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
May 4, 2026
Recreation Center
12:00 Noon

Members in Attendance: T. Deane, M. Hill, T. Hobson, B. Nitschke C. White, B. Combo, P. Holm, B. Lee, and guest, Ashlee Anderson.

Members Not in Attendance: J. Walker, N. Birch

Call to Order
B. Combo called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Action Items:
Approval of Minutes
C. White moved to approve the April 6th meeting minutes. T. Deane seconded. All were in favor.

Presentation by Ashlee Anderson (YTT Special Event Manager)

- Ashlee Anderson explained her position to the commissioners and stated that she works for three agencies: Yellowstone-Teton Territory, the I.F. Auditorium District, and the City of Idaho Falls. Her job includes finding events and matching them with venues to bring more sports and tourism to Idaho Falls. She expressed her desire to connect with local sporting groups in Idaho Falls and will email her contact information to P. Holm to forward to the commissioners.

Commission Reports

Golf Advisory – T. Deane
Troy Deane reported the following:

- Golf revenue is up approximately half a million dollars from last year due to the favorable weather conditions, which increased play throughout the winter and early spring.
- There have been several golf course upgrades, including a new roof on the Pinecrest Clubhouse, and new lighting and carpeting inside the clubhouse. Sage Lakes is nearing completion of a final plan for new bathrooms on the course, and Sand Creek Golf Course is working on a master plan for a new irrigation system.
- Papa Tom's held its golf tournament last weekend, which was sold out with the maximum number of teams allowed. The weather for the tournament was excellent.

Shade Tree - M. Hill
M. Hill reported the following:

- Arbor Day is May 20th at 10:00 a.m.
- On May 22nd at 9:30 a.m., the Shade Tree Committee will be planting memorial trees at Tautphaus Park and Sugar Mill Park.
- On July 9th at 10:00 a.m., there will be a park tour that begins and ends at Heritage Park, followed by a barbeque.
- The Heritage Park ribbon cutting is scheduled for May 6th.

Bonneville County – J. Walker (absent)

School District 91 – N. Birch (absent)

School District 93 – T. Hobson

T. Hobson reported the following:

- The district is two weeks away from the end of spring sports.
- They will be hosting the High School State Baseball Championships at Melaleuca Field from May 14th–16th.
- Bonneville High School is hosting the super regionals May 7th–8th.
- The Tiger-Grizz track meet was a great success, with 55 teams attending from throughout Idaho.

National Trends on Aging – C. White

C. White reported the following:

- E-bikes are posing a risk as newer models continue to become faster. A California man was recently charged with involuntary manslaughter after his minor son struck and killed a pedestrian while riding an e-bike. C. White believes that due to increasing injuries, cities will eventually need to begin regulating them.

Sports Tourism – B. Combo

No report.

Park Conditions and Needs – B. Nitschke

B. Nitschke reported the following:

- The local parks look beautiful with all the flowering trees.
- He checked out the new shade structures at Heritage Park. They look nice; however, they are not enclosed shelters that protect patrons from wind, tumbleweeds, dirt, rain, or snow. He would like to review the design requirements, as he believes the taller structures may provide less shade than shorter structures.
- He is trying to determine what is occurring at Ryder Park. The area north and east of the BDM (Big Dirt Mound) has been scraped bare clear to the river. He questioned what the plans are for this area and where the Ryder Park Project Plan can be reviewed. He also stated that the BDM faces the wrong direction for snow sledding. Bicycles have already begun riding down the slope and, he believes, will soon begin hill climbs that

may damage the slope. He expressed concerns about the future maintenance costs associated with mowing, trimming, and watering the area.

- He remains concerned about the increasing presence of motorized vehicles (Ebikes, scooters, trikes etc.) on the greenway. He stated that vehicles traveling significantly faster than pedestrians create safety concerns and suggested that restrictions regarding areas, speeds, and vehicle sizes should be considered.
- B. Nitschke recommended that the commissioners read the article, "Menace on the Streets." https://macleans.ca/longforms/menace-on-the-streets

Director's Report – P. Holm

P. Holm reported the following:

- P. Holm addressed B. Nitschke's question regarding the area at Ryder Park near the river and east of the dirt mound. P. Holm explained that the area will be sodded and that the area between the pathway and the river will be planted with native grass seeds.
- P. Holm addressed B. Nitschke's question regarding the willow tree stumps at Freeman Park. P. Holm stated that the grant covered the cutting and removal of the stumps, but he is unsure whether that responsibility has fallen to park crews. He will check.
- P. Holm addressed B. Combo's question regarding the original Tautphaus Park Master Plan completed approximately ten years ago. P. Holm stated that the plan is still being followed; however, City Council would like to update portions of the plan to accommodate zoo changes. Other recently completed projects within the park, including the widening of North Park Drive, the new pathway, and the addition of Leo Larsen Drive, were completed as part of the Master Plan.
- P. Holm addressed C. White's question regarding updates on the proposed community center. P. Holm reported that there are currently no updates, but city leadership is ready to move forward with planning for the center.
- P. Holm reported that a Rollandet Avenue widening project is scheduled. The roadway project will begin at The Blue Wave Bar & Grill and continue north of Sunnyside Road to the entrance of the Gustafson housing addition. The project will widen the roadway by approximately thirty feet and will require approximately fifteen feet of zoo property.
- Upcoming important dates include the Heritage Park Shelter Ribbon Cutting and Duck Race Kickoff on Wednesday, May 6th at noon. A Meppen Park Neighborhood Outreach Event will be held Tuesday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m., and P. Holm encouraged commissioners to attend. The by-invitation-only Funland Restoration Committee Kickoff at Funland will be held May 19th at 6:00 p.m. All rides are operational for the season. P. Holm also discussed the restoration of the Funland log cabin and commented on how well it looks.
- P. Holm stated that after more than thirty years, the City of Idaho Falls will soon finally be compliant with the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which will allow the City to apply for grants to fund future park expansions.

Adjournment at 1:28 p.m.
Next meeting – September 14, 2026

Recorded by:
Tracy Sessions, Executive Assistant
Parks & Recreation Dept.

APPROVED 09/10/26

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AUGUST 6, 2026 SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The August 6, 2026, Sister Cities Advisory Committee meeting was held in Room 310A of Building 3 at the College of Eastern Idaho (1600 S 25th E, Idaho Falls, ID 83404).

ACTION ITEMS **5:10 PM**

Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum

- In attendance: Chloe Doucette, Amanda Logan, Laura Combs, Caroline Combs, Julie McMurtrey, Cindy Ozaki (via Teams), Sunny Katseanes (via Teams), Jim Francis (via Teams)
- Absent: Jake Durtschi, Lisa Armstrong

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Approval of July 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes
    - *Laura moved to approve the July 9, 2026 meeting minutes. Cindy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Approval of Reimbursements

- Cindy shared that the Adult Association is up to date on reimbursements from the City.
- The City is processing the reimbursement to the Youth Association for the bus that was previously approved by the committee.
- We need to set aside $4,000 for the Friendship Garden sign which will receive a receipt/invoice from the City's Department of Parks & Recreation. We won't use the last of the administrative line which has $58.10 remaining in it. We also won't use the rest of the Outreach line on the budget line. Approving all of the below (which totals $2,494.24) will more than exhaust all the funds. Next time we will just be approving the sign and the visiting gifts.
- The Youth Association submitted the following hosting expenses for reimbursement
    - Pizza for dinner at Yellowstone in the amount of $372.45
    - Two, $100 tips for the bus driver (one for the Yellowstone trip and one for the Lagoon trip, for a total of $200.00
    - Rafts (6) and other equipment for the Friday float trip in Island Park in the amount of $460.86
    - Lagoon tickets and meal tickets for the 18 Japanese students and chaperones totaling $461.18
    - *Laura moved to approve all of the above expenses up to the budget limit including whatever is leftover in administrative and outreach lines of the budget. Sunny seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Report from the Sister Cities Adult Association

- Report given by Cindy Ozaki.
- The Adult Association is deep in planning their visit to Tokai.
    - Two big festivals every year. The Tokai festival will happen in the fall this year, so the Adult Association will get to experience it along with Japan's national cultural festival.
    - The delegation flies over to Japan on October 22 and flies back on November 1. They'll be setting up host families and taking them on an overnight bus trip to the northern part of the country.
    - Amanda mentioned that John Radford might be interested in the last open spot because his schedule might have changed, so Cindy will call him tonight to confirm.
- The Adult Association was impressed with all of the work done by the Youth Association for the visit.
    - In addition to co-hosting the Welcome Picnic with the JACL, the Adult Association did a farewell breakfast at the airport and everyone was very pleased.
    - Amanda mentioned that she attended several events and appreciated how involved the adult association was.
- The next Adult Association meeting will be held Monday night at the library.
    - The Association will discuss how to pay for their own liability coverage, which costs $1,280. It renews October 1.
    - Cindy encouraged all of the committee members to join the Adult Association when the committee closes out.

Report from Sister Cities Youth Association

- Report given by Laura Combs.
- The group is happy to report that the recent visit by the Japanese youth went very well. The whole group worked as a team and did such a nice job. Caroline thought everything went well also.
    - Every day went off without a hitch except for an INL bus which was about an hour and a half late. Everything else went super smoothly.
    - Laura thanked the Adult Association for going above and beyond for the visit accommodations. She also expressed that City Day was amazing.
    - All students felt comfortable with their host families.
    - Gloria Miller Allen is still deciding if she wants to donate the second copy of her gift book about the garden to the museum or the city. Laura feels good about either option.
    - The committee shared congratulations for such a wonderful job.
    - The Youth Association will debrief in a few weeks to gather feedback from all of their members.
    - A few new people reached out and followed the Facebook group thanks to the media coverage.
- Cindy requested that Laura remind her older students and their families that they should join the Adult Association when they age out of the Youth Association

Community Outreach

- The dedication of the Sister Cities Signs in the Friendship Garden was a wonderful event and it was great to have the Japanese delegation in attendance along with most of the committee, members of the Youth and Adult Associations, and gardeners. It felt like the whole community was invested in the relationship rather than just the host families.
    - PJ and Parks and Rec did a wonderful job and PJ is already thinking about future planning for the signs so that they are maintained.
    - Amanda shared congratulations to the committee for getting the sign done. It is a lasting memory of the committee.
- Chloe has provided written passwords for the gmail and wix website to the committee members.
    - Both logins and passwords were shared. Chloe's museum email and cell phone number are the recovery addresses for the gmail info which links to the wix website
    - Chloe recommends that the City or associations purchase a domain so that the site is more easily findable.

Updates from the City of Idaho Falls

- Jim shared updates from the city. Amanda mentioned that the $4,000 reimbursement from the city should be flagged for PJ. We really need him to get us the invoice so we can approve it at the final meeting. Chloe mentioned that she will get with Jim to see if there are any museum resources at the city building.
- Amanda shared that the Japanese youth visit was wonderful and that the city staff did an amazing job. City day was incredibly successful.
- THere was also great media coverage thanks in part to two news releases from the City and several social media posts:
    - Mayor Burtenshaw's column about the visit
    - A front page story about 45 years of friendship in the Post Register
    - Coverage from David Pace at Local News 8
    - Unfortunate story in East Idaho News that emphasized WWII and how we had been enemies in war as opposed to emphasizing the sister cities relationship. Laura said that the writer's heart was in the right spot, but that he used direct quotes including slurs. Taboo subjects were covered. Laura recorded a podcast follow up with him to help set the record straight.

New Business

- Date and Agenda Items for Next Meeting
    - THe committee's final meeting will be held at 5:00pm on THursday, September 10 at CEI. It is very important to have a quorum at this meeting.
    - Agenda:
        - Approval of previous meeting minutes
        - Approval of final requests for reimbursements
        - Final closeouts for the committee

ADJOURNMENT **5: 46 PM**

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The September 10, 2026, Sister Cities Advisory Committee meeting was held in Room 310A of Building 3 at the College of Eastern Idaho (1600 S 25th E, Idaho Falls, ID 83404).

ACTION ITEMS **5:00 PM**

Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum

- Present: Charlotte Combs, Laura Combs, Jim Francis, Cindy Ozaki, Julie McMurtrey, Amanda Logan, Sunny Katsenes, Lisa Armstrong, Chloe Doucette, Jim Francis
- Absent: Jake Durtschi

Approval of August 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes

- *Cindy moved to approve the August 6, 2026 meeting minutes. Lisa second the motion. Motion passed unanimously*

Approval of Reimbursements

- The signage came in cheaper than budgeted at $2,838.58.
    - *Lisa moved to approve a $2,838.58 reimbursement to the Idaho Falls Parks and Rec department for the committee's portion of the Friendship Garden sign (50%). Sunny seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*
- The Adult Association submitted reimbursement requests for gifts that will be given during their upcoming trip to Tokai: $500 for cutting boards that are the gifts for the individual Japanese members of the delegation and $265 for a decorative plaque that is the Sister City to Sister City Gift for exchange to Tokai (a decorative plaque) $265.
    - *Sunny moved to approve a $500.000 reimbursement to the Adult Association for cutting boards that are the gifts for the individual Japanese members of the delegation. Laura seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*
    - *Lisa moved to approve a $265.00 reimbursement to the Adult Association for the Sister City to Sister City Gift for the exchange to Tokai (a decorative plaque). Sunny seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously*
- The Committee discussed the status of the Sister Cities budget following the approvals of reimbursements at the meeting.
    - The Committee thought that the reimbursements for hosting costs had initially been submitted for a total of more than $3,600 in excess of the budgeted amount (bus, Lagoon tickets, etc.), however, Laura noted that the receipt for the buses was accidentally submitted twice.
        - After correcting for this, there should actually be funds remaining in the overall Sister Cities budget.
        - Amanda will check those numbers.

    - Cindy requested that if there were any leftover funds that they be used for the insurance costs that the Adult Association incurs.
        - The Committee can only recommend and see what the City says is feasible.
        - The Committee agreed to recommend that any leftover funds be applied to those costs.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Updates from the City

- Chloe will meet with Jim to go through the box of items belonging to the Museum of Idaho.
- Laura agreed that the posters can remain at the City.
- Jim shared a heartfelt thank you from the City for the work undertaken by the Committee and read recitals from the upcoming City Council meeting acknowledging the Committee's work.
    - These can be found in the City Council agenda packet for September 10, 2026.
- City Councilman John Radford will be traveling to Tokai-mura with the Adult Association and will serve as the new City liaison for Sister Cities.
    - Cindy thanked Amanda for suggesting that she reach back out to John and offer him the spot.
- The Associations will work directly with the Mayor's Office on reimbursements beginning in October 2026.
    - Jim suggested including Carla Thines, Margaret Wimborne, and Councilman John Radrofd on these communications.
    - Amanda will share the information she has been sending to the City about reimbursements so they can see how the current system works.
    - The Associations shared that they have appreciated how easy the reimbursement form has been to use.

Report from Sister Cities Adult Association

- Cindy thanked everyone on the Committee for their work. She shared that the Committee helped increase the Association's visibility and helped create connections that resulted in positive experiences and gifts for the delegations.
- Cindy encouraged all Committee members to join the Adult Association after the Committee concludes.
- The Adult Association's upcoming delegation will be able to experience several parts of Japanese life and culture because of the connections made through the Sister Cities relationship.
    - The delegation will visit Ibaraki's police department, schools, parks, and other locations. They will also attend two of the country's largest festivals, including the Tokai Festival.
    - The Adult Association will hold a Zoom meeting with all of the host families so that the delegation members can meet their hosts before arriving. Cindy shared that this is something the Adult Association learned from the Youth Association, which regularly uses this practice.

- Amanda asked about how membership has grown since the Committee was created.
    - Cindy shared that the Committee has not necessarily resulted in a significant increase in the overall number of members, but the personal relationships developed through the Committee have made a difference.
    - Six new members will be traveling to Japan on the upcoming trip.
- Cindy requested that the City send a letter to the associations clarifying the budget for the Sister Cities program in FY27 and beyond.
    - Jim shared that the Associations should communicate with John Radford and Margaret Wimborne to provide input on future budgets.
    - The City's budget process begins in February and March, so the associations will need to provide input during that timeframe.

Report from Sister Cities Youth Association

- Laura shared that Youth Association membership is growing significantly. There are currently 40 students interested in the 15 available spots on the upcoming trip to Japan.
    - Laura has not seen much movement on getting flyers distributed in the schools, but both Karla LaOrange and Lisa offered to help with this.
    - The Youth Association is currently meeting at the library and is beginning to outgrow the available space.
    - Caroline shared that many of the new members are younger students, which will allow them to remain involved in the organization for several years.
- The Youth Association recently changed its membership dues for the first time in decades. The previous dues were $25 for one child. The new dues will be $35 for one child, $35 for a second child, and $100 for three or more children (per family). The increase will help cover the YouthAssociation's costs.
- The Youth Association will hold elections in December, with a new board taking over in January.
- Jim asked the Youth Association to keep the City informed about future bus costs. If those costs increase significantly, the City should take that into consideration when developing future budgets.

Concluding Thoughts

- Amanda will confirm that the City has all of the records it needs from the Committee. She believes the City already has the documentation that it needs as the Committee sunsets: meeting agendas, meeting minutes, and the documentation associated with reimbursements.
- Amanda thanked the Committee members for their time, work, and commitment to the Sister Cities Advisory Committee, noting that the committee has accomplished a great deal during its time together, including supporting both the Adult and Youth Associations, completing the Friendship Garden signage project, and increasing community awareness of the Sister Cities relationship.

ADJOURNMENT **5:44 PM**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the arts inspire creativity, foster innovation, preserve cultural heritage, and enrich the lives of individuals and families throughout the City of Idaho Falls; and

WHEREAS, the arts strengthen our community by bringing people together, supporting education, encouraging civic engagement, and enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Falls Symphony, Idaho Falls Arts Council, Art Museum of Eastern Idaho, and Eastern Idaho Jazz Society have long provided outstanding artistic, educational, and cultural opportunities that benefit the people of Eastern Idaho; and

WHEREAS, these organizations have joined together to present Arts Day on September 19, 2026, offering a full day of free concerts, performances, exhibitions, educational experiences, and hands-on artistic activities accessible to all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Greater Idaho Falls Transit (GIFT) will provide complimentary shuttle service between participating venues to ensure that community members may easily experience the day's events; and

WHEREAS, Arts Day celebrates the creativity, collaboration, and cultural vitality that make Idaho Falls a thriving and welcoming community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA BURTENSHAW, MAYOR of the City of Idaho Falls, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2026, to be

ARTS DAY

in the City of Idaho Falls and encourage all residents and visitors to participate in the day's events and celebrate the many ways the arts enrich our community.

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS CORPORATE SEAL BONNEVILLE COUNTY, IDAHO

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Idaho Falls to be affixed on this 9th day of September, Two Thousand Twenty-six.

Lisa Burtenshaw

Lisa Burtenshaw, Mayor
City of Idaho Falls

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 17 September 2026, marks the two hundred and thirty-ninth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has designated September 17th as "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day" and urges states, counties, cities, and towns to make plans for the proper observance of the day; and

WHEREAS, for 239 years the U.S. Constitution has strengthened our union and allowed this nation to survive trying times, promote justice, and empower each citizen with a host of rights and privileges; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document, to commemorate its anniversary and to gratefully acknowledge the patriotic celebrations which will mark the occasion; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the President of the United States will issue a proclamation designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA BURTENSHAW, MAYOR of the City of Idaho Falls, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17-23, 2026, as:

Constitution Week

in Idaho Falls and encourage citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties and remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS CORPORATE SEAL BONNEVILLE COUNTY, IDAHO

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Idaho Falls to be affixed on this 8th day of September, Two Thousand Twenty-six.

Lisa Burtenshaw

Lisa Burtenshaw, Mayor
City of Idaho Falls

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, education strengthens individuals, families, workplaces, and communities by opening pathways to employment, postsecondary education, economic stability and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, the General Education Development, or GED, credential provides adults who did not complete traditional high school with an important opportunity to demonstrate high-school-level academic skills and pursue their personal, educational, and professional goals; and

WHEREAS, National GED Day, observed annually on September 16, recognizes the determination of GED learners, the dedication of adult-education instructors and staff, and the community partners who help make educational opportunity accessible to all; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Crisis Center (DVSAC) has demonstrated a meaningful commitment to supporting individuals and families in Idaho Falls and throughout Bonneville County by connecting them with resources, encouragement, and opportunities that promote safety, stability, independence, and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, Anne Johnson, GED Coordinator, is recognized for her dedicated service, leadership, and advocacy in advancing adult education and supporting GED learners throughout Idaho Falls and Bonneville County as they work toward greater opportunity and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Bonneville County Commissioners and City of Idaho Falls wish to recognize DVSAC and Anne Johnson for their contributions to the lives of residents throughout the community and for their support of education as a foundation for stronger families and community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, LISA BURTENSHAW, MAYOR of the City of Idaho Falls, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2026, as

AND,

NOW THEREFORE, WE, KARL CASPERSON, MICHELLE MALLARD, AND JON WALKER, COMMISSIONERS of Bonneville County, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2026, as

GED Day

in Bonneville County and in the City of Idaho Falls and encourage all residents to recognize the achievements of GED graduates and learners, express appreciation for adult-education providers and advocates, and support accessible educational opportunities for people of every age and background.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seals of Bonneville County and the City of Idaho Falls to be affixed on this 16th day of September, Two Thousand Twenty-six.

Lisa Burtenshaw, Mayor
City of Idaho Falls

Karl Casperson, Commissioner
Bonneville County

Michelle Mallard, Commissioner
Bonneville County

Jon Walker, Commissioner
Bonneville County