



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL APRIL 7, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of Resolution granting the Novi Parks Foundation an exemption from the City's alcohol on public property policy for purposes of its July 18, 2025, fundraiser at Pavilion Shore Park.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Novi Parks Foundation is proceeding with plans to hold "Pour on the Shore" on Friday, July 18, 2025 at Pavilion Shore Park.
- The City of Novi policies and rules regarding alcohol consumption on public property requires an exemption to allow the consumption of alcohol at Pavilion Shore Park for the event.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of Novi policies and rules regarding alcohol consumption on public property allow consumption under certain conditions at the Novi Civic Center, Township Hall, and the Novi Public Library on a permanent basis. Limited alcohol service is also allowed under certain conditions at the Novi Ice Arena and Villa Barr Art Park. For over 20 years, the Novi Parks Foundation has supported the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department through fundraising and advocacy. The Foundation has provided funding for the re-construction of the Tim Pope Playground, Pavilion Shore Park development, Villa Barr Art Park artist-in-residency and park development, construction of pickleball courts at Wildlife Woods Park, youth recreation scholarships and more.

The Novi Parks Foundation hosted the "Pour on the Shore" beer and wine tasting event each summer at Pavilion Shore Park from 2015-2019. The event returned in 2023 to great success and was held again in 2024. More than 300 people annually enjoy the event, which consists of music and dancing, food samples, and Michigan craft beers and wine. The event has raised more than \$90,000 since its inception.

Based on the success of past years' events, the Novi Parks Foundation is proceeding with plans to hold "Pour on the Shore" on Friday, July 18, 2025 at Pavilion Shore Park. The Foundation is requesting the ability to serve alcohol, including keg beer and

bourbon samples, at the event. The bourbon samples will be provided and served by a local vendor. Under the existing City alcohol policy, consumption of alcohol is not permitted at Pavilion Shore Park and keg beer and hard liquor is specifically prohibited at the City facilities at which the consumption of alcohol is permitted. The Novi Civic Center will serve as a backup location in case of inclement weather.

The attached resolution, which has been reviewed by the City Attorney, is a request for a one-time exemption from the City's alcohol policy to allow the Novi Parks Foundation summer fundraising event.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of Resolution granting the Novi Parks Foundation a one-time exemption from the City's policy regarding alcohol on public property for purposes of its July 18, 2025, fundraiser at Pavilion Shore Park.

CITY OF NOVI
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

**RESOLUTION GRANTING THE NOVI PARKS FOUNDATION A ONE-TIME EXEMPTION FROM
THE CITY'S POLICY AND RULES REGARDING ALCOHOL ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

Minutes of a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, held in the City Hall of said City on April 7, 2025, at 7 P.M. Prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Councilmembers_____

ABSENT: Councilmembers_____

The following preamble and Resolution were offered by Councilmember _____
and supported by Councilmember _____.

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2010, City Council adopted a Resolution approving "Policy and Rules Regarding Alcohol on Public Property" allowing consumption of alcohol at the Novi Civic Center and Novi Public Library under certain conditions on a trial basis through October 21, 2010; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2010, City Council adopted a Resolution approving amendments to "Policy and Rules Regarding Alcohol on Public Property" allowing consumption of alcohol at the Novi Civic Center, Township Hall and Novi Public Library under certain conditions on a permanent basis; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2013, City Council adopted a Resolution approving amendments to "Policy and Rules Regarding Alcohol on Public Property" that also allowed consumption of alcohol under certain conditions at the Novi Ice Arena and Villa Barr Art Park; and

WHEREAS, the Novi Parks Foundation has for over twenty years supported the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department through fundraising and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, City Council acknowledges and appreciates the support that the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has received from the Parks Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Foundation is planning a fund-raising event at Pavilion Shore Park on July 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Foundation requests to be able to serve alcohol, including keg beer and bourbon samples, at its July 18, 2025 fund-raising event; and

WHEREAS, under the existing "Policy and Rules Regarding Alcohol on Public Property", the consumption of alcohol is not permitted at Pavilion Shore Park; and

WHEREAS, under the existing "Policy and Rules Regarding Alcohol on Public Property", keg beer and liquor are specifically prohibited at the City facilities at which the consumption of alcohol is permitted; and

WHEREAS, the Novi Parks Foundation has asked that it be granted a one-time exemption from the "Policy and Rules Regarding Alcohol on Public Property" so that alcohol, including keg beer and bourbon, could be consumed at its July 18, 2025 event; and

WHEREAS, the City administration supports the request from the Parks Foundation for a one-time exemption from the "Policy and Rules Regarding Alcohol on Public Property";

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The request from the Novi Parks Foundation for a one-time exemption from the general prohibition on the consumption of alcohol, including keg beer and bourbon, on City property set forth in the City's "Policy and Rules Regarding Alcohol on Public Property" is hereby granted for a fund-raising event at Pavilion Shore Park on July 18, 2025; and
2. The consumption of alcohol, including keg beer and bourbon, will be allowed at that event, provided that the Parks Foundation will in all other respects comply with all other terms, conditions and requirements of the "Policy and Rules Regarding Alcohol on Public Property"; and
3. The decision to grant this request from the Parks Foundation shall not be considered precedent as to any other requests for an exemption from the "Policy and Rules Regarding Alcohol on Public Property" from the Parks Foundation, any other organization, or any individual in the future.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held this 7th day of April, 2025, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting have been kept and made available to the public as required by said Act.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk
City of Novi