

**DES MOINES POOL METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025 – 12

**DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING IMMEDIATE ELECTRICAL
REPAIRS AT MOUNT RAINIER POOL FOR BACKFLOW PREVENTION**

WHEREAS, during the Mount Rainier Pool’s annual safety and cross-connection inspection in June 2025, conducted in coordination with the local water purveyor and a state-certified backflow assembly tester, two backflow prevention check valves were found to be nonfunctional and out of compliance with Washington State public health and plumbing standards; and

WHEREAS, backflow prevention assemblies are required under WAC 246-290-490 and RCW 70A.120.010, which mandate that all public water systems, including municipal pool facilities, maintain approved and operational cross-connection control devices to protect the public drinking water supply from contamination; and

WHEREAS, failure of these assemblies poses a significant threat to public health and safety, as untreated or chemically treated pool water could flow backward into the potable water system in the event of a pressure loss, potentially introducing chlorine, acids, or other contaminants into the public water supply; and

WHEREAS, such conditions constitute an emergency as defined under RCW 39.04.280(3), requiring immediate corrective action to prevent contamination, facility closure, or danger to life and property; and

WHEREAS, a proposal from a state-certified backflow repair contractor dated October 30, 2025, estimates the cost of replacement and testing of both assemblies at \$16,368 plus applicable sales tax (10.2%), for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$19,000.00, which will be funded through existing non-contracted maintenance reserves; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee was notified on November 3, 2025, and approved a change order to proceed with these emergency repairs; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to inform the Board that the project may go over the not-to-exceed (NTE) amount of \$19,000.00, and that while the District General Manager has authority to approve transactions up to \$5,000, it is important that all changes exceeding an NTE be communicated to the full Board in accordance with Policy 520 – Procurement, to ensure full transparency. Once finalized, the total project cost will be brought back to the Board for review and record; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that maintaining a functional backflow prevention system is a continuing legal and public health obligation, and that timely repair of these assemblies is essential to ensuring ongoing water quality, safety, and compliance with Department of Health regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DES MOINES POOL METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT:

- 1. Declaration of Emergency:** That an emergency exists requiring immediate backflow prevention system repairs at the Mount Rainier Pool to ensure compliance with state law and public health standards, and to protect the safety of patrons, staff, and the community water supply.
- 2. Authorization of Emergency Repair Contract:** That the General Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with a state-certified backflow repair contractor for a not-to-exceed amount of \$19,000.00, including sales tax, to complete the replacement and testing of defective assemblies, and to implement any additional minor modifications required to bring the system into full compliance.
- 3. Waiver of Competitive Bidding:** That due to the emergency nature of this work, the formal bidding process is waived in accordance with RCW 39.04.280(3).
- 4. Board Notification and Transparency:** That the Finance Committee’s approval and the District’s obligation under Policy 520 – Procurement are hereby acknowledged, and the full Board shall be informed of all final project costs upon completion.
- 5. Effective Date:** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District at an open meeting of such Board on the 11th day of November 2025, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

Signed by: 
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President Young

Signed by: **Joe Dusenbury**
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Commissioner Dusenbury

Signed by: *Holly Campbell*
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Signed by: *Patrice Thorell*
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Signed by: *Angela Melton*
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District Clerk