

**DES MOINES POOL METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OCCASIONAL FREE AQUATIC TRAINING HOURS PROVIDED BY YOUTH EXPERIENTIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE (Y.E.T.I.) AT THE MOUNT RAINIER POOL AS A PUBLIC GIFT OF PROGRAMMING BENEFIT FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY, YOUTH ENGAGEMENT, AND AQUATIC WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District (“District”) is a municipal corporation and metropolitan park district organized and existing under **chapter 35.61 RCW**, with all powers granted therein, including the authority to manage, control, operate, maintain, and provide recreational facilities and programming at public aquatic facilities such as Mount Rainier Pool; and

**WHEREAS**, the District, may exercise powers reasonably necessary to accomplish its purposes, including contracting with nonprofit organizations to provide public recreational and educational programming that advances the District’s mission and public benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has determined that it may make use of the Mount Rainier Pool for specialized community aquatic training programs consistent with its public purpose, subject to safety, staffing, and operational requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, [Youth Experiential Training Institute \(Y.E.T.I.\)](#) (“Y.E.T.I.”) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing free experiential training engagement to youth—including water safety awareness, kayaking instruction, water skill development, and supportive introduction to aquatic environments—removing barriers to access through no-cost programming, transportation support, gear access, and trained instructors; and

**WHEREAS**, Y.E.T.I.’s mission and services promote water safety, physical activity, confidence, teamwork, leadership, and community engagement, particularly for youth who may not have previously participated in formal aquatic programming or swim lessons, thereby advancing public safety, recreation, and equity; and

**WHEREAS**, the District finds that occasionally offering **free aquatic training hours on Wednesdays between 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.**, provided by Y.E.T.I. at the Mount Rainier Pool, will benefit the public by increasing access to introductory water safety and skill building activities, providing opportunities for youth to become comfortable in aquatic environments, and encouraging future participation in swim lessons and District programming; and

**WHEREAS**, these training opportunities support the District’s goals by establishing the Mount Rainier Pool as a welcoming and structured “third place” for youth outside of home and school, by promoting lifelong aquatic engagement, and by creating pathways into swim lesson

participation as well as potential future careers as lifeguards and swim instructors, thereby strengthening the local aquatic workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, the exchange described in this Resolution is a valid **public gift of programming benefit** that furthers the District’s legislative and statutory purposes under **RCW 35.61.010 et seq.** and is not a prohibited gift of public funds under the Washington Constitution or state law, as it provides measurable public benefit and advances the District’s core mission.

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

**Section 1. Authorization of Programming.**

The Board hereby authorizes the Mount Rainier Pool to be used on an occasional **Wednesday basis from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the 2025-2026 school year, and other yet to be determined days** for **free aquatic training programs** delivered by Y.E.T.I., subject to the conditions in this Resolution. This service will not exceed 25 hours of free services per school year (September 1 through August 31). If more time is needed an updated resolution will be presented to the Board of Commissioners.

**Section 2. Purpose of Programming.**

The free aquatic training programs authorized hereunder are intended to:

- Provide introductory **water safety education** and **skill-building activities** for youth and community members who may not otherwise access formal swim lessons;
- Support the Mount Rainier Pool as a positive and structured social environment (“third place”) for youth engagement;
- Encourage participants to pursue further aquatic programming, including swim lessons, advanced training, and certifications;
- Strengthen community awareness of water safety and reduce barriers to aquatic recreation;
- Create a supportive pathway into the aquatic workforce, including lifeguard and swim instructor roles.

**Section 3. Conditions of Use.**

(a) Programming shall be coordinated by the District’s General Manager or designee in a manner consistent with the District’s safety, staffing, and operational requirements, including compliance with applicable health and safety regulations, water quality standards, and certified supervision.

(b) Y.E.T.I. shall provide documentation of appropriate insurance, instructor qualifications, and program plans prior to use of the facility.

(c) The District retains full authority to modify, suspend, or cancel any session at its discretion due to facility needs, safety concerns, or operational conflicts.

**Section 4. No Gift of Public Funds.**

The Board finds that the authorization provided herein constitutes a valid **public gift of programming benefit** and does not violate constitutional or statutory restrictions on gifts of public funds. The District receives public benefit through increased access to aquatic safety education, expanded community use of the Mount Rainier Pool, and stronger workforce pathways, consistent with its statutory authority under **RCW 35.61.**

**Section 5. Implementation.**

The General Manager or designee is authorized to develop any necessary operational agreements, promotional materials, and administrative procedures to implement the programming authorized by this Resolution.

**Adoption.** ADOPTED at an open public meeting of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT on the **24th day of February 2026** the following Commissioners being present and voting:

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