

RESOLUTION NO. _____

DATE: _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL
CONCERNING THE CONTINUING FUNDING OF PUBLIC SAFETY
SERVICES WITHIN A MUNICIPALITY THAT IS LOCATED IN A
DESIGNATED RECREATION AREA

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council, acting as the legislative body for Salt Lake County, has the authority to provide county general funds for fire, paramedic, and police protection services within a municipality that is located in an area designated as a recreational area pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 17-34-1(5)(d), provided that the Council makes a finding that a disproportionate share of public safety service needs within the municipality are generated by residents of the county who live both inside and outside the limits of cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council previously approved Resolution No. 5644 on October, 8, 2019, which resolution, in part, designated the Town of Brighton as a municipality within the recreation area that is defined and designated for budgetary purposes in accordance with the requirements Utah Code Ann. § 17-34-1(5)(d); and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council, in recent budget years, and including the first six months of fiscal year 2023, has provided county general funds to the Unified Fire Authority for the purpose of mitigating public safety services within the Town of Brighton; and

WHEREAS, a disproportionate share of public safety service needs within the Town of Brighton continue to be generated by residents of the county who live both inside and outside the limits of cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, as part of its 2023 budget deliberations and subsequent public meetings, the Salt Lake County Council has discussed various proposals related to the ongoing provision of county funding for eligible public safety service needs within the Town of Brighton; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council now finds it expedient to communicate policy direction to stakeholders and taxing entities about the continuing provision of county funding for eligible public safety service needs within the Town of Brighton, and particularly the status of funding for the final six months of fiscal year 2023;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Salt Lake County Council, acting as the legislative body for Salt Lake County, that the following is the sense of the Council:

- 1) The Council hereby provides notice that it intends to continue providing county general funds to the Unified Fire Authority for the purpose of mitigating public safety service needs within the Town of Brighton in a manner consistent with Utah Code Ann. § 17-34-1(5)(d). The Council intends to provide such funding for the remainder of Salt Lake County's 2023 fiscal year, as well as for Salt Lake County's 2024 fiscal year, but may cease providing such funds after December 31, 2024. The Council reiterates the following finding that it made in Resolution No. 5644: "The decision as to fund and the exact amount of funding shall be determined by the County Council annually during the County budget process, based on budget presentations and requests provided to the County Council by the appropriate Public Safety service providers."
- 2) The Council desires to see the Town of Brighton, the Unified Fire Authority, and the Unified Fire Service Area take action to reduce existing funding gaps for public safety needs in the Town of Brighton, potentially including but not limited to the following: redrawing municipal boundaries to the extent allowed by existing law or legislative change; maximizing currently available revenue streams such as resort sales and use tax, municipal energy sales and use tax, and general property tax; and seeking new revenue

streams from the Utah State Legislature in the 2024 legislative session. The Council will cooperate in offering support for this effort.

- 3) The Council commits to work with the Salt Lake County Mayor to better assess Salt Lake County's approach to public safety funding in Salt Lake County's recreational areas in the 2024 budget, potentially including but not limited to the following: assessing whether Salt Lake County should update the recreational areas that it has defined and designated for budgetary purposes; determining the ongoing status and funding eligibility of municipalities that are located in the designated recreational areas; identifying appropriate Salt Lake County funding sources and amounts for public safety needs in the designated recreational areas that are generated by residents of the county who live both inside and outside the limits of cities and towns; developing policy criteria for making future funding decisions that best represent the interests of all Salt Lake County taxpayers, including whether to cease providing funds to designated recreational areas.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2023.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____
Aimee Winder Newton, Chair

ATTEST:

Lannie Chapman
Salt Lake County Clerk

REVIEWED AS TO FORM

Gavin Anderson 19 May 2023

Deputy District Attorney Date

Council Member Alvord voting _____
Council Member Bradley voting _____
Council Member Bradshaw voting _____
Council Member Granato voting _____
Council Member Harrison voting _____
Council Member Stewart voting _____
Council Member Stringham voting _____
Council Member Theodore voting _____
Council Member Winder Newton voting _____