# SALT LAKE COUNTY

## RESOLUTION

# DESIGNATING A RECREATIONAL AREA FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES FUNDING

RESOLUTION NO.

, 2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH, DESIGNATING A RECREATIONAL AREA FOR THE POTENTIONAL FUNDING OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES IN THE WASATCH MOUNTAINS; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT SUCH PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES; ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AREA; AND ADOPTING RELATED MATTERS.

#### BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED:

THAT, the Council of Salt Lake County, State of Utah, met in regular session of the Council on the \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

## **COUNCIL FINDINGS:**

- Providing and funding County services outside municipalities is governed by Utah Code Annotated, Section 17-34-1, which mandates that, for most purposes, county services in unincorporated areas must be funded from moneys derived from those unincorporated areas.
- 2. An exception to this requirement permits a county to elect to decide (at its sole discretion) to provide fire, paramedic, and police patrol services ("Public Safety Services") and fund those services from the County General Fund, in any area of the county designated as a "Recreational Area" in accordance with the requirements of Section 17-34-1(5). Such funding is permissive and not mandatory.

- 3. In order to use General Funds for Public Safety Services as described, the County Council may designate a Recreational Area in a location upon a finding that the area meets certain specified conditions. The County Council now desires to designate a Recreational Area for such purpose, and regarding those conditions, the County Council hereby makes the following findings:
  - a. The Area designated has fewer than 1,500 residents;
  - b. The Area is primarily used for recreational purposes, including canyons, ski resorts, wilderness areas, lakes and reservoirs, campgrounds, or picnic areas;
  - c. The Area is used by residents of the county who live both inside and outside the limits of cities and towns; and
  - A disproportionately large share of Public Safety Service needs within the Area is generated by residents of the county who live both inside and outside the boundaries of cities and towns.
- 4. The County Council makes the same findings regarding said conditions for the area soon to become incorporated as the Town of Brighton and that the Council's findings will continue to apply to the area after incorporation. Public Safety Services within a municipality located in a Recreational Area may be lawfully funded with County General Fund moneys.
- 5. The County Council finds that designating a Recreational Area, as described in this Resolution, is in the best interests of all residents of Salt Lake County.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

1. The Salt Lake County Council hereby creates a Recreational Area for the purposes of having the ability to fund Public Safety Services with General Fund moneys, as described herein.

- The Recreational Area shall include Big Cottonwood Canyon, portions of Little Cottonwood Canyon, Millcreek Canyon, and the Town of Brighton, with boundaries as depicted on the map attached as Attachment A. It is expressly understood that The Town of Alta is excluded.
- The Recreational Area is not a government entity and has no governing body nor any powers related to such status. The Recreational Area is a geographic location defined solely for budgetary purposes, as described in Utah Code Annotated, Section 17-34-1(5).
- 4. Any funding of Public Safety Services within the Recreational Area with respect to the budgeting, accounting for and disbursing of funds to furnish the services and functions described herein, shall be in accordance with Utah State law, including Section 17-34-5 and the County Fiscal Procedures Act. 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. Funds may be transferred to those providers semi-annually. The County Council reserves the sole discretion to not provide funding or to provide less than full funding.
- 5. The Recreational Area described herein is created effective as of the date hereof.
- 6. The County Council requests that all County offices, departments and agencies provide such services and advice as will permit the timely creation and functioning of the Recreational Area and potential budgeting processes described herein.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED in Salt Lake City, Utah, this \_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Richard Snelgrove, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Sherrie Swensen Salt Lake County Clerk

APPROVED as to form:

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Gavin Anderson, Deputy District Attorney

Council Member Bradley voting	
Council Member Bradshaw voting	
Council Member Burdick voting	
Council Member DeBry voting	
Council Member Ghorbani voting	
Council Member Granato voting	
Council Member Jensen voting	
Council Member Newton voting	
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