

GRAND COUNTY, UTAH
ORDINANCE NO. ____ (2022)

**TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 658 AND CHAPTER 8.16 (SPECIAL EVENTS) OF THE
GRAND COUNTY GENERAL ORDINANCES AND ADOPT NEW
CHAPTER 8.16 (SPECIAL EVENTS)**

WHEREAS, Grand County recognizes the value of special events to the economy, tourism, and quality of life experienced in the community;

WHEREAS, Grand County has an important and compelling governmental interest in regulating the needs and impacts associated with special events in order to protect property, public health, safety, and welfare and provide for orderly crowd movement and traffic safety, personal privacy, noise and litter control;

WHEREAS, Grand County desires to establish reasonable and uniform time, place and manner regulations governing the permitting and operation of special events in order to establish clear rules and an efficient process for event sponsors and county administration;

WHEREAS, as provided in Utah Code § 17-50-302, the County may exercise powers and perform functions that are reasonably related to the “safety, health, morals, and welfare of County inhabitants;”

WHEREAS, in further exercise of the County’s general powers, as provided in Utah Code § 17-53-223, the county may “pass all ordinances and rules and make all regulations, not repugnant to law, necessary for carrying into effect or discharging the powers and duties conferred by this title, and as are necessary and proper to provide for the safety, and preserve the health, promote the prosperity, improve the morals, peace, and good order, comfort, and convenience of the county and its inhabitants, and for the protection of property in the county;”

WHEREAS, as provided in Utah Code § 17-53-216, the County may adopt ordinances which provide for the licensing of businesses defined as “any enterprise carried on for the purpose of gain or economic profit,” within their jurisdictions for the purpose of regulation and includes the power to deny, revoke, or suspend such license;

WHEREAS, under such statutory authority as cited above and in exercise of its general powers, the County has the authority to issue special events permits and regulate the same, which authority includes the power to deny, revoke, or suspend such permits;

WHEREAS, the Grand County Commission enacted Ordinance No. 627 (2021) to license and regulate special events held in Grand County; adopt uniform procedures to promote and protect the rights of those organizing special events, those participating in them, and Grand County residents;

WHEREAS, the County repealed and replaced Ordinance No. 627 (2021) with Ordinance No. 637 (2021) to update Chapter 8.16 to restructure the Special Event Committee membership, and update COVID-19 guidelines;

WHEREAS, the County repealed and replaced Ordinance No. 637 (2021) with Ordinance No. 643 (2021) to update Chapter 8.16 to restructure to the modify the approval authority, review process and requirements, and update COVID-19 guidelines;

WHEREAS, the County repealed and replaced Ordinance No. 643 (2021) with Ordinance No. 658 (2022) to update Chapter 8.16 to remove COVID-19 guidelines and requirements;

WHEREAS, the County seeks to update Chapter 8.16 to incorporate additional definitions, modify Commission review procedures and requirements, adopt a Commission review schedule, update application deadlines, and integrate the role and responsibilities of a Special Event Coordinator;

WHEREAS, the County Commission held a public meeting on October 4, 2022 to consider this matter; and

WHEREAS, the Grand County Commission has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Grand County to repeal and replace Chapter 8.16 and Ordinance No. 658.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Grand County Commission hereby:

1. Repeals Ordinance No. 658 and Chapter 8.16 (Special Events) of the Grand County General Ordinances; and
2. Adopts new Chapter 8.16 (Special Events) of the Grand County General Ordinances as set forth in *Exhibit A*.

ADOPTED by the Commission in a public meeting on October 4, 2022 as follows:

Those voting aye:

Those voting nay:

Those absent:

Grand County Commission:

ATTEST:

Jacques Hadler, Chair

Gabriel Woytek, Clerk/Auditor