

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 315928

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE DEC 18 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
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CITY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING A TUITION FEE
INCREASE TO THE SAN DIEGO JUNIOR LIFEGUARD
PROGRAM.

RECITALS

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

- A. The San Diego Junior Lifeguard Program (SDJG) consists of a team of professional lifeguards who provide aquatic education to San Diego youth while developing confidence, mental and physical fitness, and respect for one another and the coastal environment.
- B. Through instruction and physical activities, SDJG teaches ocean safety and awareness, water rescue techniques, environmental awareness, healthy habits, and first aid skills.
- C. During two separate four-week sessions the junior lifeguard program educates approximately 1,250 youth, ranging from ages nine to seventeen. An additional 280 youth, aged seven and eight years old, participate in the weeklong Junior Grommet Program, where youth receive an Introduction to Ocean Awareness program.
- D. In addition to SDJG participants who pay tuition for the program, SDJG enrolls up to sixty program participants through scholarships from donation revenue received by the Prevent Drowning Foundation of San Diego. SDJG also provides outreach efforts through its Bridge to the Beach program for approximately 500 youth and a week-long program for children with Autism and their families.

E. SDJG employs 40 local high school students as paid interns. Many SDJG paid interns become seasonal lifeguards with the City of San Diego.

F. The SDJG tuition fee was last increased in Fiscal Year 2023 via Council Resolution R-313899.

G. Due to increases in hourly salaries for personnel, fringe costs, and inflationary costs associated with equipment and non-personnel expenditures, the cost of running SDJG has increased.

H. To maintain SDJG's costs to run the program, the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) is requesting a tuition fee increase.

I. All tuition fee revenue and donation revenue collected will be expended in the SDJG program and be expended in that program with no impact to the General Fund.

J. On November 2, 2010, California voters approved Proposition 26, a ballot initiative that limits the ability of local government agencies to impose certain fees and charges. Proposition 26 amended articles XIII A and XIII C of the California Constitution to provide that a levy, charge, or exaction of any kind of fee imposed, increased, or extended by a local government is a tax, requiring two-thirds voter approval, unless an exception applies.

K. Exceptions to Proposition 26 include user fees for government services to specific payors who request the benefit or service, and the fee does not exceed the reasonable cost of providing the service. Permissible user fees for government services are government-provided recreational, cultural, educational, and similar programs.

L. It is the policy of the City of San Diego (City) to establish fees to recover the costs of providing services in accordance City Administrative Regulation 95.25 and Council Policy 100-05.

M. It is the policy of the City to review fees to ensure that all reasonable costs incurred in providing these services are being recovered; however, it is also the policy that fees are generally less than 100 percent cost recovery in cases where the purpose of the fee is not to generate revenue but rather provide benefits to the recipients (e.g. recreational activities).

N. The tuition fee adjustment for FY 2025 does not exceed the reasonable costs of providing the Junior Lifeguard Program and SDJG is not 100 percent cost recoverable. SDJG is a partial-cost recovery program, and is considered a “Category II” fee, pursuant to Council Policy No. 100-5, “User Fee Policy”.

O. A City staff report from SDFD substantiates the validity of the proposed increase in the SDJG Fee by sufficiently justifying the link between the costs and the program provided.

P. Pursuant to Council Policy No. 100-05, “User Fee Policy,” Council shall approve any revised user fees.

Q. The Office of the City Attorney prepared this Resolution based on the information provided by City staff (including information provided by affected third parties and verified by City staff), with the understanding that this information is complete and accurate.

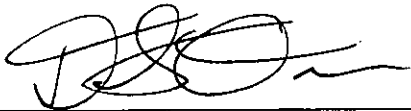
ACTION ITEMS

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of San Diego:

I. Authorizes an increase in the tuition cost of the San Diego Junior Lifeguard Program from \$669 per student to \$890 per student for the 2025 San Diego Junior Lifeguard Program.

2. Authorizes the Department of Finance to amend the fee rate book to reflect the increase tuition cost.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By 
Daniel S. Orloff
Deputy City Attorney

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I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on DEC 09 2024.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 12/13/24
(date)


TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on DEC 09 2024, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry L. Foster III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Date of final passage DEC 18 2024

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Rinda Arwin, Deputy
For Connie Patterson

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