



## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** MOU The Gulf State Park Saltwater Pavilion.

**STAFF CONTACT:** Melvin Shepard, Chief of Staff.

**COUNCIL MEETING CYCLE:** March 2, 2026, COW meeting.

### **RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Staff's recommendation is to approve the MOU for Lifeguard Services between the City of Gulf Shores and The Gulf State Park.

### **BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

- Since 2018 the City of Gulf Shores has provided (2) lifeguard towers and (2) lifeguards at The Saltwater Pavilion.
- The Lodge reimburses the city up to \$36,000.00 for this service.
- Without the staffed lifeguard tower in this area, there is a large section of beach that would be unguarded except for a patrol unit. This area is busy due to the parking and nearby rental accommodation.
- This helps ensure the safety of visitors here on vacation and residents of the city by providing trained lifeguards in areas that people are known to swim.
- Lifeguards made 4 rescues in this area and Beach 4 made 10 rescues in 2025. In addition to 14 rescues, there were numerous medical calls, missing people, and preventative actions within the area.

### **RELATED ISSUES:**

MOU with Valor Hospitality for lifeguard services at the Lodge.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

This MOU has been approved for the past seven years.



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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Total financial impact – Total Cost for Tower 1 & 2 Lifeguards \$47,800.00, Half of the cost for Beach 4 is \$13,000.00. All funds are budgeted and no additional funds are needed.

Account Number for Expense of funds: 01-535-51030

**KEY DATES:**

Lifeguards will patrol this area from March 9 – Oct 1, 2026.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[The MOU for Lifeguard Services at The Lodge at the Gulf State Park.](#)