

**TEMECULA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** General Manager/Board of Directors

**FROM:** Erica Russo, Director of Community Services

**DATE:** April 14, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Receive Recommendation Related to Equestrian Entry Parade Guidelines and Provide General Direction Regarding the Same (At the Request of Subcommittee Members Schwank and Stewart)

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**PREPARED BY:** Dawn Adamiak, Assistant Director of Community Services

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board of Directors receive a recommendation related to revising equestrian entry parade guidelines and provide general direction regarding the same.

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Temecula Community Services Department hosts two parades each year, the patriotic Fourth of July Parade and Santa's Electric Light Parade. Periodically parade guidelines are updated to keep participants, spectators and staff safe, reduce liability, and ensure organizers follow modern, consistent and proactive safety practices. The parade guidelines specifically for equestrian entries were last updated in 2019 with the following additions: *each participant on a horse is required to wear a helmet; every two (2) horses will require one (1) escort walking with them; and limit to six (6) horses maximum per equestrian entry.*

On March 24, 2026, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Subcommittee (ZS/JS) met to review and discuss the equestrian guidelines. Staff presented the most common equestrian guidelines implemented in parades organized by cities and non-profit organizations, and discussion focused on the helmet guidelines. Subcommittee members were supportive of adopting a blanket guideline requiring *minors to wear a helmet, whether on horse, bike, scooter, and similar equipment*, and removing the previous helmet requirement for individuals of all ages. Subcommittee recommends the approval of this revised guideline.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No fiscal impact

**ATTACHMENTS:** None