

RESOLUTION #25-43C

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SANDY CITY COUNCIL CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AWARD

WHEREAS, the Sandy City Council recognizes the importance of civic engagement, volunteer service, and community leadership in fostering a strong, connected, and resilient community; and

WHEREAS, the Council seeks to establish a distinct recognition to honor individuals whose service, civic involvement, and quiet leadership have enriched the Sandy community; and

WHEREAS, this award is intended to complement, not compete with, other existing recognitions, including the Noal Bateman Award, by highlighting those whose contributions have positively impacted the community; and

WHEREAS, the inspiration for this award came during a Special Recognition in honor of longtime resident **Donald Frank Gerdy**, whose exemplary life of service and civic commitment embodies the values this award seeks to elevate; and

WHEREAS, the Sandy City Council finds it in the best interest of the community to establish the **Sandy City Council Civic Engagement Award** as an annual honor to be awarded at the same meeting in which the Noal Bateman Award is conferred;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SANDY CITY, UTAH, THAT:

1. **Establishment of Award.** The Sandy City Council Civic Engagement Award is hereby established as an annual recognition of individuals whose voluntary service, civic involvement, and leadership have meaningfully enriched the Sandy community.
2. **Purpose.** The award is intended to recognize significant and beneficial community contributions that improve the quality of life in Sandy City through leadership, mentorship, civic engagement, or charitable endeavors. It is not intended solely as a lifetime achievement award, but rather as acknowledgment of impactful community service.
3. **Nomination and Selection Process.**
 - Nominations shall be submitted exclusively by members of the Sandy City Council.

- At the first Council meeting in August each year, the Council shall review nominations in closed session.
 - The Council shall vote to select the recipient at the next public meeting, without public comment on the matter.
 - The award shall be presented annually at the same meeting in which the Noal Bateman Award is conferred.
4. **Selection Criteria.** The selection considerations and criteria for the Sandy City Council Civic Engagement Award are attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference.
5. **First Honoree.** In recognition of his life of service and as the inspiration for the establishment of this award, the Sandy City Council hereby selects **Donald Frank Gerdy** as the inaugural recipient of the Sandy City Council Civic Engagement Award for 2025.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Brooke D'Sousa, Chair

Sandy City Council

ATTEST:

City Recorder

RECORDED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

EXHIBIT A

Criteria for the Sandy City Council Civic Engagement Award

The Sandy City Council Civic Engagement Award recognizes individuals who reflect a commitment to service, civic engagement, and community betterment. While the nature and scope of contributions may vary, recipients will have demonstrated a meaningful investment in the lives of Sandy residents through their time, efforts, or leadership.

Selection Considerations:

- **Connection to Sandy City:** Nominees will generally be residents with a history of service directly benefiting the Sandy community.
- **Civic Engagement:** Experience on Sandy City volunteer committees or boards may be considered as an indicator of public involvement.
- **Volunteer Efforts:** Contributions such as mentoring, charitable work, public safety, or educational support may weigh in favor of a nominee.
- **Leadership and Character:** Demonstrated leadership, initiative, integrity, and service-minded character are valued.
- **Other Considerations:** The Council may take into account any additional information or context that honors the spirit of volunteerism.

Nomination and Selection Procedure:

- Nominations shall be made exclusively by members of the Sandy City Council.
- Nominations will be reviewed in closed session at the first Council meeting in August.
- The City Council shall select the recipient by vote at the following public meeting.
- Public comment will not be taken on this item.
- The award will be presented annually in conjunction with the Noal Bateman Award ceremony.