

## RESOLUTION 2026-01-05-08

### Authorizing a One-Time Membership Allowance for Certain Existing Members of the Pelham Recreation Center

**WHEREAS**, effective December 31, 2025, Blue Cross Blue Shield will discontinue its Fitness Card wellness program, thereby impacting certain established members of the Pelham Recreation Center; and

**WHEREAS**, thirty-seven (37) affected participants are non-residents of the City of Pelham who currently access the Pelham Recreation Center through said program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pelham City Council finds it reasonable and equitable to allow these specific individuals to continue membership as non-resident members, subject to payment of the standard Pelham Recreation Center membership rates; and

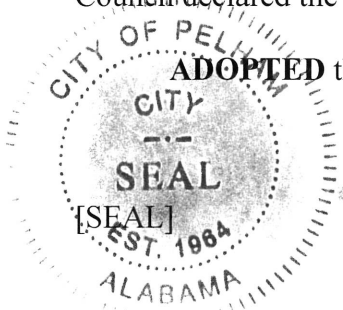
**WHEREAS**, this action is intended solely to accommodate existing participants affected by the termination of the Fitness Card program and is not necessarily intended to establish a precedent or create a new non-resident membership category.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Pelham, Alabama as follows:

1. The thirty-seven (37) non-resident individuals actively participating in the Pelham Recreation Center through the Fitness Card program as of December 31, 2025, are hereby permitted to continue membership as non-resident members upon payment of the standard membership rates established by the City.
2. Eligibility under this Resolution is contingent upon continuous membership; any lapse shall permanently terminate eligibility.
3. This Resolution is expressly limited in scope and shall not be construed to set precedent or require similar accommodations in the future.

**THEREUPON** Michael Harris, a councilmember, moved and Christine Townes, a councilmember, seconded the motion that Resolution 2026-01-05-08 be given vote, and said Resolution passed by unanimous voice vote of the Council present, and the President of the Council declared the same passed and adopted.

**ADOPTED** this 5th day of January 2026.



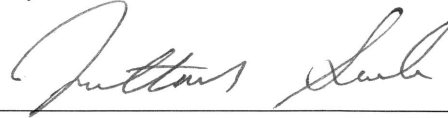
ATTEST

  
Jonathan Seale, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer

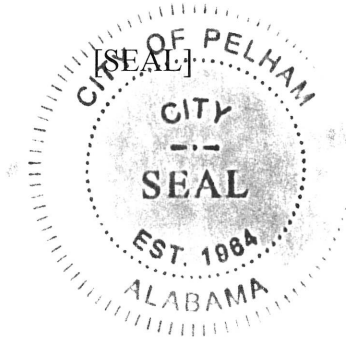
  
Chad Leverett, President of the Council

I, the undersigned City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Pelham, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution lawfully passed and adopted by the City Council of the City named herein, at a regular meeting of such Council held on the 5th day of January 2026 and that such Resolution is on file in the office of the City Clerk/Treasurer and that no action has been taken to rescind or modify said Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City on this 5th day of January 2026.



Jonathan Seale, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer





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## M E M O R A N D U M

To: Gretchen DiFante  
City Manager

From: Brian Cooper  
Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: December 15, 2025

Subject: Blue Cross Blue Shield Changes

Effective December 31, 2025, Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) will no longer offer their Fitness Card. This will affect quite a few of our members, 37 of which are not Pelham residents.

It is my recommendation that we grandfather these 37 individuals and allow them to continue their membership at the Pelham Recreation Center as a non-resident member. We currently do not have such a category, although there are several ways to join as a non-resident (PCS employee, Pelham business employee). If they ever let their membership lapse, they would no longer be eligible to re-join as a non-resident.

Funding considerations: Currently each of these members pays \$30 for membership through BCBS on a quarterly basis. This equals \$4,440 annually. If they were to join, we would continue to collect the monthly rate of \$10 or \$100 for an annual membership, per person. At this time, we do not have any idea how many will continue their membership once they must pay, however, we do expect some of them to continue.

We did not consult with the City Attorney on this matter.

CC: Jonathan Seale