



City of Ketchum

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Ketchum to Cover MASSV Legal Expenses *Security Guard Injured at 2012 Concert*

KETCHUM, Idaho—Ketchum is expected to pay to defend MASSV in a lawsuit by a private security guard who was injured following the downtown music concert in 2012.

The city was a sponsor of the event and had agreed to provide insurance to cover MASSV, the promoter of the event. MASSV hired a security company to provide for public safety.

The guard was injured when an intoxicated attendee climbed to the balcony of a closed restaurant and fell, landing on the guard.

The guard has filed a lawsuit against the city and MASSV because of his injuries. The city's insurance company has agreed to defend the city but declined to defend MASSV. Because of a prior city agreement with MASSV, the City Council tentatively agreed in executive session to provide funding for MASSV's defense and is expected to approve the proposed agreement drafted by the city attorney.

The agreement calls for an initial payment of \$22,500 and a commitment to pay up to \$17,500 in future legal costs. It is on Monday's City Council agenda.

If the city did not take this action, it is likely MASSV would sue the city. "Although not ideal, this action reduces future costs to the city in the long run," said City Administrator Suzanne Frick. "By working together to defend this lawsuit, we have a better chance of winning and reducing costs," said MASSV organizer Brent Russell.

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About the City of Ketchum

The City of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The City of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the City of Ketchum, visit www.ketchumidaho.org.

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