

## CITIZEN INITIATED ORDINANCE

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS SHALL ACQUIRE AVAILABLE AND SUITABLE LAND FOR PUBLIC TRAILS, WILDLIFE HABITAT AND NATURAL AREAS. THESE ACQUISITIONS SHALL BE FUNDED BY A ONE-TIME SALES AND USE TAX OF ONE-QUARTER (1/4) OF ONE PERCENT (.0025) ABOVE PRESENT CITY SALES AND USE TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1993 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997. THIS TAX SHALL NOT APPLY TO SALES OF FOOD.

WHEREAS, support of the citizens of Fort Collins exists for additional public use areas such as trail systems and natural areas; and

WHEREAS, the need exists in the city of Fort Collins for protection of natural habitats for native plant and animal species; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins has developed a Natural Areas Plan to identify and guide natural areas acquisition and management; and

WHEREAS, the high standard of living and continued economic prosperity of the city is dependent on providing adequate open spaces for public benefit; and

WHEREAS, trails, wildlife habitat and natural areas are resources which benefit all members of the Fort Collins community; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Fort Collins is authorized to enact ordinances for the levy and collection of sales and use taxes in accordance with Chapter 25, Article III, §25-71—25-240, inclusive, of the Code of the City, and has done so in the past; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of trails, wildlife habitat and natural areas can appropriately be funded by a one-quarter (1/4) of one percent (.0025) sales and use tax, not to include food, for a period of five (5) years.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, as follows:

Section 1. The City sales and use tax on all items, except sales of food as defined in C.R.S. 39-26-102 (4.5), shall be increased by one quarter (1/4) of one percent (.0025) for a period of five (5) years to commence on January 1, 1993 and be in effect until December 31, 1997 at which time such additional sales and use tax shall cease. Such increase in sales and use tax shall be in addition to and distinct from all other sales and use taxes levied and collected pursuant to Chapter 25, Article III of the Code of the City.

Ordinance Approved by Voters

November 3, 1992

See also Resolution 1992-140

Section 2. The revenue raised by this increase in sales and use taxes shall be used specifically for the acquisition, construction, enhancement and maintenance of trail systems, wildlife habitat and other natural areas to benefit the citizens of the City of Fort Collins. A portion of the revenues shall be retained for management and maintenance of areas acquired.

Section 3. The responsibility for management of the revenues shall be vested in the Council of the City of Fort Collins and such departments of the City as the Council designates.

Section 4. The revenues accrued shall be maintained in a separate fund and shall be used specifically for the purposes set forth in Section 2 of this document.

Section 5. The revenues accrued may be used by the City for the purchase of such water rights as deemed necessary or desirable to maintain or enhance the natural characteristics of areas acquired.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1992.