

ORDINANCE NO. 027, 2021
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROVING AND APPROPRIATING AN OFF-CYCLE FUNDING
REQUEST, CONTINGENT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE APRIL 6, 2021, ELECTION,
TO SUPPORT INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 026, 2021,
ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS REGARDING DISPOSABLE BAGS

WHEREAS, City Council has identified plastics pollution as a priority concern, which aligns with the City's Climate Action Plan ("CAP") goals of reducing greenhouse gasses and with the community's Road to Zero Waste goal to produce zero waste by 2030, as well as the City's strategic objective to sustain and improve the health of the Cache la Poudre River and all watersheds within the City; and

WHEREAS, Council has considered and adopted Ordinance No. 026, 2021, Amending Chapter 12 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins to Establish Regulations Regarding Disposable Bags and Mitigation of Other Sources of Single Use Plastic Pollution (the "Disposable Bag Ordinance") regulating the distribution of disposable bags and future mitigation of other sources of single-use plastic pollution; and

WHEREAS, Council has adopted Resolution 2020-118 referring the Disposable Bag Ordinance to a vote of the City's registered electors at the April 6, 2021, municipal election; and

WHEREAS, contingent on the outcome of the April 6, 2021 election, Council desires to appropriate funds to support initial implementation of the Disposable Bag Ordinance and the Waste Reduction Program created thereunder, including outreach, education and engagement and making free reusable bags available to the community, prior to May 1, 2022, when the requirements of the Disposable Bag Ordinance go into effect; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation protects the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and serves the public purposes of maintaining and improving the health of the Cache la Poudre watershed and furthering the City's Climate Action Plan and Road to Zero Waste goals; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council, upon the recommendation of the City Manager, to appropriate by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year such funds for expenditure as may be available from reserves accumulated in prior years, notwithstanding that such reserves were not previously appropriated; and


WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that this appropriation is available and previously unappropriated from the General Fund and will not cause the total amount appropriated in the General Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received in that Fund during this fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That there is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the General Fund the sum of EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$87,500) for expenditure from the General Fund in 2021 to support initial implementation of the Disposable Bag Ordinance and the Waste Reduction Program created thereunder, including outreach, education and engagement and making free reusable bags available to the community, provided the voters approve City Council referred Ordinance No. 026, 2021, at the April 6, 2021 Election.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 2nd day of March, A.D. 2021, and to be presented for final passage on the 16th day of March, A.D. 2021.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk




Passed and adopted on final reading on the 16th day of March, A.D. 2021.



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