

ORDINANCE NO. 100, 2021  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES AND AUTHORIZING  
A TRANSFER IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE MARCH 2021  
SNOWSTORM TREE AND BRANCH CLEANUP

WHEREAS, Fort Collins experienced a heavy snowstorm on March 13-14, 2021, during which approximately twenty-five inches of snow fell across the city; and

WHEREAS, the snowstorm caused substantial damage to trees throughout the city that impacted rights-of-way, residential areas, parks, cemeteries, golf courses and the Downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted curbside branch pickup operations in the most severely impacted areas of the City and opened branch drop-off sites for residents for six weeks; and

WHEREAS, the City incurred unanticipated costs for the tree and branch cleanup operations, including for contractual pruning, equipment rental, overtime, fuel and equipment costs; and

WHEREAS, the direct costs to the City for tree and branch cleanup operations not otherwise covered by existing operating budgets totaled \$306,819; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation benefits the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of providing for community-wide snowstorm tree and branch cleanup; 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 the Transportation Services Fund and will not cause the total amount appropriated in the General Fund and Transportation Services Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in that Fund during this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 10 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council, upon recommendation by the City Manager, to transfer by ordinance any unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount or portion thereof from one fund or capital project to another fund or capital project, provided that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged, the purpose for which the funds were initially appropriated no longer exists, or the proposed transfer is from a fund or capital project in which the amount appropriated exceeds the amount needed to accomplish the purpose specified in the appropriation ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended the transfer of \$41,599 from the General Fund to the Transportation Services Fund and determined that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged.

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 TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$265,220) for expenditure from the General Fund by the Forestry Division for the March 2021 snowstorm tree and branch cleanup costs.

Section 3. That there is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the General Fund the sum of FORTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS (\$41,599) for transfer to and expenditure within the Transportation Services Fund by the Streets Department for the March 2021 snowstorm tree and branch cleanup costs.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 7th day of September, A.D. 2021, and to be presented for final passage on the 21st day of September, A.D. 2021.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Interim City Clerk



Passed and adopted on final reading on the 21st day of September, A.D. 2021.

  
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