

RESOLUTION 2016-065
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR THE PASSAGE
OF A LARIMER COUNTY BALLOT ISSUE IMPOSING A TWENTY FIVE ONE-
HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT COUNTYWIDE SALES AND USE TAX
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND
OPERATIONS OF A MENTAL HEALTH, DETOX AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
TREATMENT FACILITY AND RELATED COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND
URGING THE CITIZENS OF FORT COLLINS TO VOTE "YES" ON THIS BALLOT ISSUE

WHEREAS, mental illness and substance-use disorders are serious health issues for one in four people in Larimer County; and

WHEREAS, mental illness and substance-use disorders are treatable health conditions, but too often people in crisis end up at an emergency room, in jail, or are taken to a detox facility in Greeley; and

WHEREAS, our community would benefit from a public, community-based mental illness and behavioral health treatment center that could provide a continuum of care for mental health, detox, and substance abuse treatment and services that would be less costly than jails, emergency rooms, or travelling outside the county for services; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2016, the Larimer County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 08022016R007, which placed on the November 8, 2016, general election ballot a ballot issue that, if passed, would increase the County's sales and use taxes by .25%, with the revenue from such tax being used to construct, improve, maintain and operate a treatment and detox facility for mental health, substance abuse, and alcohol abuse, and to operate out-patient and support services in connection with such facility; and

WHEREAS, the expected cost for land and construction of a 51,000-square-foot facility is \$20.42 million with anticipated annual operating costs of \$11.77 million; and

WHEREAS, Larimer County taxes would be expected to increase by \$16,500,000 in 2017, and by whatever additional amount is raised annually thereafter for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the proposed facility would fill gaps in care in the community by accommodating 4,700 adults annually, and is an investment in the health and well-being of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED 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 for the reasons set forth above, the City Council fully supports the passage of the Larimer County ballot issue described herein.

Section 3. That the City Council urges every Larimer County registered voter to go to the polls on November 8, 2016, and to vote "YES" on the ballot issue to increase sales and use taxes by .25% to support the construction and operation of a mental health, substance abuse and alcohol abuse treatment facility in Larimer County.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 16th day of August, A.D. 2016.



ATTEST:


City Clerk


Mayor