

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 14

DATE: January 19, 1999

STAFF: Brian Woodruff

SUBJECT:

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 8, 1999, Amending Section 2-93 of the City Code to Add a New Function of the Air Quality Advisory Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff and the Air Quality Advisory Board recommend adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This amendment arises because of a recent change in the Air Quality Action Plan update process, i.e., *Objective 1: Reduce the Growth Rate of Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)*, is now considered separately in conjunction with updates to City Plan, Master Transportation Plan, and their various implementation programs. Ordinance No. 8, 1999 was unanimously adopted on First Reading on January 5, 1999.

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FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 22

DATE: January 5, 1999

STAFF: Brian Woodruff

SUBJECT:

First Reading of Ordinance No. 8, 1999, Amending Section 2-93 of the City Code to Add a New Function of the Air Quality Advisory Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff and the Air Quality Advisory Board recommend adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members of the Air Quality Advisory Board discussed the addition of a new provision to the existing list of functions of the Board, as set forth in the City Code, at the Board's October 28, 1998 retreat. The proposed revision is set forth below (new language is shaded):

Sec. 2-93. Functions.

The duties and functions of the board shall be to advise the City Council regarding policies, plans, and programs to improve and maintain the city's air quality. The board may, without limitation, biennially review air quality indicators and recommend adjustments to the Air Quality Action Plan; review and recommend revisions, as needed, to the Air Quality Policy Plan and to any other City plans that may have significant impacts on air quality; ~~as needed~~, and advise the Governor-designated lead agency for air quality planning on matters pertaining to the Fort Collins element of the State Implementation Plan. The board may also convene ad hoc citizen task groups to provide additional technical expertise to the board for the planning of specific action strategies.

This amendment arises because of a recent change in the Air Quality Action Plan update process, i.e., *Objective 1: Reduce the Growth Rate of Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)*, is now considered separately in conjunction with updates to City Plan, Master Transportation Plan, and their various implementation programs.

Because of this change, City actions that reduce the VMT growth rate will no longer be considered part of the Air Quality Action Plan update process. This change recognizes the fact that the City's efforts to reduce VMT growth are contained within implementation of City Plan and the Master Transportation Plan, which have their own processes and timelines for monitoring progress and making implementation changes. Natural Resources staff is working with other City departments

and the Air Quality Advisory Board to track implementation of the VMT-related programs in order that recommendations may be made in a timely manner.

Board members agreed that this change makes sense. They were anxious, however, that the change should not be misconstrued. Specifically, Board members wanted to clarify that they may continue to advise City Council on the land use and transportation plans and programs that reduce the VMT growth rate. For this reason, the Board has proposed that the functions of the Board be revised as set forth above.

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