

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

January 5, 2021

City Council

STAFF

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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 001, 2021, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue and Authorizing Transfers in the General Fund for the Environmental Services Radon Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate unanticipated grant revenue in the General Fund for the Environmental Services Radon Program. This appropriation includes \$9,000 of grant revenues provided by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to support radon testing and mitigation programs. The grant directly supports radon activities identified in the Environmental Services Department's core budget offer and requires a local match of \$6,000. Matching funds are appropriated and unexpended in the 2021 Environmental Services operating budget and will be transferred to the Environmental Services Radon Program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Radon is a priority indoor air quality pollutant in Fort Collins, as it is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers, and second leading cause for smokers (after smoking). Radon tests show that sixty-five percent of homes in Fort Collins test higher than the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) defined "action levels" for mitigating radon gas. The Environmental Services Department will use these grant funds to augment existing programs for education and outreach to raise awareness of the health risks, provision of low cost radon test kits to residents, and information to help mitigate high radon levels.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

City resources would increase by \$9,000. Required matching funds have already been appropriated in the 2021 General Fund in the Environmental Services operating budget.

BOARD / COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Radon is a priority pollutant identified by the Air Quality Advisory Board, but no formal recommendation was sought for appropriation of the grant funds to augment existing radon program efforts.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Public outreach regarding radon will be conducted throughout the year with radon presentations, provision of outreach materials and radon test kit sales.

ORDINANCE NO. 001, 2021
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUE
AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES RADON PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded a Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment grant in the amount of \$9,000 for the Environmental Services Radon Program (the “Program”); and

WHEREAS, the grant will be used to support radon testing and mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires \$6,000 in matching funds from the City, which have been appropriated and are available in the General Fund for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, radon is a priority indoor air quality pollutant in Fort Collins and is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers; and

WHEREAS, radon tests show that sixty-five percent of homes in Fort Collins test higher than the Environmental Protection Agency’s defined “action levels” for mitigating radon gas; and

WHEREAS, the Program provides education and outreach to raise awareness of the health risks and provides low cost radon test kits to residents; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation benefits public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Fort Collins and serves a public purpose by helping to alleviate effects of radon in the homes of the residents of Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9, of the City Charter permits the City Council to make supplemental appropriations by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year, provided that the total amount of such supplemental appropriations, in combination with all previous appropriations for that fiscal year, does not exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues to be received during the fiscal year; 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 any fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 10, of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to transfer by ordinance any unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount or portion thereof from one fund or capital project account to another fund or capital project account, provided 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 unanticipated grant revenue in the General Fund the sum of NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$9,000) for expenditure in the General Fund for the Environmental Services Radon Program.

Section 3. That the unexpended appropriated amount of SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000) is authorized for transfer from the Environmental Services operating budget in the General Fund to the Environmental Services Radon Program and appropriated therein.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 5th day of January, A.D. 2021, and to be presented for final passage on the 19th day of January, A.D. 2021.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 19th day of January, A.D. 2021.

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