

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 10

DATE: November 18, 2003

STAFF: John Stokes

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 160, 2003, Appropriating Unanticipated Grant Revenue in the General Fund for the Radon Program and Authorizing the Transfer of Matching Funds Previously Appropriated in the Natural Resources Operating Budget to the Grant Project.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment ("CDPHE") has awarded the City of Fort Collins a grant in the amount of \$15,000. A local match of \$15,000 is required. Matching funds will be provided from existing Natural Resources general fund appropriations.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance appropriates the \$15,000 CDPHE grant funds in the General Fund for the Radon Program. It also authorizes the transfer of \$15,000 from the Natural Resources operating budget to the Grant Fund. The funds will be used to continue the radon education and testing programs.

BACKGROUND

Since 1995, the City has placed special emphasis on radon in Fort Collins, where levels average above 4 picocuries per liter of air (pCi/L), the level at which the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) recommends action. Radon is a long-term health risk that causes lung cancer. The current radon program includes an aggressive education program, a voluntary radon testing and mitigation program, and an ordinance requiring the distribution of radon information to all residential homebuyers at point-of-sale. Since 1996, many residents, realtors, and builders have attended workshops on radon risk, testing and mitigation and many more homes have been tested.

The Fort Collins Radon Program is supported by grants from the Colorado Department of Public Health (CDPHE) and has been recognized by the USEPA as one of the most successful programs in the nation. Radon is part of the City's indoor air quality program, which is guided by the Air Quality Policy Plan with a goal to increase actions taken by residents to reduce exposure to indoor air pollution. The grant will be used to continue the radon testing and information programs.

ORDINANCE NO. 160, 2003
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROPRIATING UNANTICIPATED GRANT REVENUE IN THE GENERAL FUND
FOR THE RADON PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MATCHING
FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED IN THE NATURAL RESOURCES
OPERATING BUDGET TO THE GRANT PROJECT

WHEREAS, since 1995, the City has placed special emphasis on reducing radon in Fort Collins, where levels average above four picocuries per liter of air, the level at which the United States Environmental Protection Agency recommends action; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Collins radon program is part of the City's indoor air quality program, which is guided by the Air Quality Policy Plan with a goal to increase actions taken by residents to reduce exposure to indoor air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the current radon program includes an aggressive education program, a voluntary radon testing and mitigation program, and an ordinance requiring the distribution of radon information to all residential homebuyers at point-of-sale; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Collins has been awarded a grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (the "CDPHE") in the amount of \$15,000; and

WHEREAS, the CDPHE grant funds are to be used to continue the radon education and testing programs; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires \$15,000 of City matching funds, which have been included in the 2003 Natural Resources budget for this purpose and are available for transfer to the CDPHE grant project; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 9, of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins (the "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, City staff has determined that the appropriation of the CDPHE grant funds as described herein 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 the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 10, of the Charter authorizes the City Council to transfer by ordinance any unexpended and unencumbered amount or portion thereof from one project to another project, 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 there is hereby appropriated from unanticipated grant revenue in the General Fund the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000) for expenditure in the General Fund for the Natural Resources Radon Program.

Section 2. That the unexpended appropriated amount of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000) is authorized for transfer from the Natural Resources operating budget in the General Fund to the Natural Resources CDPHE grant project for the Natural Resources Radon Program and appropriated therein.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 18th day of November, A.D. 2003, and to be presented for final passage on the 2nd day of December, A.D. 2003.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading this 2nd day of December, A.D. 2003.

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