

ORDINANCE NO. 017, 2025
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
ADOPTING ROOTED IN COMMUNITY, FORT COLLINS' URBAN
FOREST STRATEGIC PLAN AS A COMPONENT OF CITY PLAN

A. The City's Comprehensive Plan, referred to as City Plan, was first adopted pursuant to Resolution 2019-048, was then subsequently ratified by Ordinance No. 040, 2020, and has since been updated to add plan elements as adopted by the City Council.

B. Prioritizing neighborhood livability and social health as well as environmental health are focuses of City Plan and the City actively administers programs, conducts community outreach, and implements projects related to both goals.

C. The Rooted in Community, Urban Forest Strategic Plan (the "Strategic Plan") was developed after extensive public outreach, discussion and consideration of community needs and priorities. This will be the City's first urban forest strategic plan.

D. The Strategic Plan is based on such input from the community, input from other departments across the City organization, and incorporates and integrates with City Council concerns and priorities.

E. The Strategic Plan will align and guide future strategies for sustaining and growing a healthy and resilient urban forest for City residents and benefit the greater community.

F. The Strategic Plan will serve as a guiding document that outlines a set of strategies, prioritizing trees as important infrastructure, over the next 20 years and beyond. The Strategic Plan also outlines the current state of the urban forest.

E. At its work session on December 10, 2024, City Council considered and provided input on a draft of the Strategic Plan. City staff addressed Council's requests and questions in a final version of the Rooted in Community Urban Forest Strategic Plan described on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, and the Plan Appendix described on Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

G. The City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City of Fort Collins community members to formally adopt the Strategic Plan as a component of City Plan.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that the City Council hereby approves and adopts the Rooted in Community, Urban Forest Strategic Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A, including the Plan Appendix described on Exhibit B, as a component of City Plan.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on February 4, 2025, and approved on second reading for final passage on March 4, 2025

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: March 14, 2025
Approving Attorney: Sara Arfmann