

RESOLUTION 2023-024
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
ADOPTING THE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR CITY-OWNED
LAKES AND STORMWATER BASINS IN THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT AREA

WHEREAS, as development and urbanization have continued and increased in the Fort Collins Growth Management Area (“GMA”), new and existing water quality challenges in lakes and stormwater basins have arisen and intensified; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of managing water quality in lakes and stormwater basins to support management goals for the benefit of community, ecosystems, and downstream water quality; and

WHEREAS, such management can also implement the City’s triple bottom line approach to consider social, economic, and environmental impacts, as well as supporting and furthering various City plans and objectives related to water quality; and

WHEREAS, the City has some degree of control and influence over the water quality of the lakes and stormwater basins it owns, which are currently managed by various City departments and service areas, and would benefit from having an adopted policy regarding the management of water quality in such lakes and stormwater basins; and

WHEREAS, City staff created the “City of Fort Collins Water Quality Management Policy for City-Owned Lakes and Stormwater Basins in the Growth Management Area,” attached hereto as Exhibit A (“Policy”), to provide a foundational framework for the City’s operational and management decisions related to water quality in City-owned lakes and stormwater basins; and

WHEREAS, numerous lakes and stormwater basins in the GMA are privately owned, and the Policy may be informative and helpful to the owners of those lakes and stormwater basins in their owners’ water quality management decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board, Natural Resources Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and Water Commission have each endorsed the Policy and recommend Council adoption.

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 City of Fort Collins Water Quality Management Policy for City-Owned Lakes and Stormwater Basins in the Growth Management Area, attached hereto as Exhibit “A,” is hereby adopted.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 7th day of March, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk