

ORDINANCE NO. 031, 2026
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZING AN
APPROPRIATION TRANSFER FOR THE GARDENS ON SPRING CREEK
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

A. The Colorado Department of Agriculture's ("CDA") Agricultural Workforce Development Program ("AWDP") provides financial incentives to farms, ranches, and agricultural businesses to hire interns and provide them with hands-on training needed to begin a career in agriculture.

B. The Gardens on Spring Creek (the "Gardens") applied for funding with the CDA to provide paid internship opportunities. By creating paid opportunities for students to support career readiness, the City expects to increase students' skillsets to better prepare them for quality jobs, while decreasing the financial burden an unpaid internship can cause.

C. The Gardens was awarded funding through the AWDP for one horticulture internship of up to \$5,000 for the summer of 2026 (the "Grant"). The intern will work with each member of the Horticulture Team at the Gardens, exposing them to all areas of public horticulture including plant production, food production, curation, ornamental horticulture, community education, and more. The Grant requires a City match, which is available and requires Council's approval for transfer to the appropriate fund.

D. This appropriation benefits public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Fort Collins and the intern's work serves the public purpose of improving a public cultural facility.

C. Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council, upon recommendation of the City Manager, to make a supplemental appropriation by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year, provided that the total amount of such supplemental appropriation, in combination with all previous appropriations for that fiscal year, do not exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received during the fiscal year.

D. The City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that the funds to be appropriated are available and previously unappropriated from the Arts and Culture Fund and that this appropriation will not cause the total amount appropriated in the Arts and Culture Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in this Fund during this fiscal year.

E. Article V, Section 10 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council, upon recommendation by the City Manager, to transfer by ordinance any unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount or portion thereof from one fund or capital project to another fund or capital project, provided that the purpose for which the transferred funds

are to be expended remains unchanged, the purpose for which the funds were initially appropriated no longer exists, or the proposed transfer is from a fund or capital project in which the amount appropriated exceeds the amount needed to accomplish the purpose specified in the appropriation ordinance.

F. The City Manager has recommended the transfer of \$4,545 from the Arts and Culture Fund Gardens on Spring Creek Operating Budget to the Arts and Culture Fund Gardens on Spring Creek Internship Budget and determined that the purpose for which the transferred funds are to be expended remains unchanged.

G. Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to designate in the ordinance when appropriating funds for a federal, state or private grant or donation, that such appropriation shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year in which the appropriation is made, but continue until the earlier of the expiration of the federal, state or private grant or donation or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant or donation.

H. The City Council wishes to designate the appropriation herein for the Gardens on Spring Creek Internship program as an appropriation that shall not lapse until the earlier of the expiration of the Grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from the Grant.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the Arts and Culture Fund the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000) to be expended in the Arts and Culture Fund for the Gardens on Spring Creek Internship program.

Section 2. The unexpended and unencumbered appropriated amount of FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$4,545) is authorized for transfer from the Gardens on Spring Creek Operating budget in the Arts and Culture Fund to the Gardens on Spring Creek Grant budget in the Arts and Culture Fund and appropriated therein to be expended for the Gardens on Spring Creek Internship program.

Section 3. The appropriations herein for Gardens on Spring Creek Internship program grant is hereby designated, as authorized in Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter, as an appropriation that shall not lapse at the end of this fiscal year but continue until the earlier of the expiration of the Grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from the Grant.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on April 7, 2026, and approved on second reading for final passage on April 21, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: May 1, 2026
Approving Attorney: Ted Hewitt

Exhibit: None