



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 022, 2023, Making Supplemental Appropriations and Authorizing Transfers 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 2023 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, in the amount of \$6,000, have already been appropriated in the 2023 General Fund in the Environmental Services operating budget.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE 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.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance for Consideration