



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

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### STAFF

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### SUBJECT

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**Resolution 2023-102 Adopting the 2023 Three-Mile Plan Update for the City of Fort Collins.**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The purpose of this item is to adopt the annual update of the Three-Mile Plan for the City of Fort Collins. The Three-Mile Plan is a reference document of plans and policies coordinating the general location, character, utilities, infrastructure, and land uses for areas of potential annexation within three miles of the municipal boundary.

An annual update of the Three-Mile Plan is required by Colorado Revised Statutes and highlights applicable plans and policies adopted or amended by Council over the preceding year.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

### BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

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In 1987 the Colorado Legislature modified annexation laws to limit municipal annexations to no more than three miles in a single direction each year. A requirement was later added that each municipality shall prepare and adopt a "Three-Mile Plan" to coordinate the provision of services, infrastructure, utilities, and land uses for areas of potential annexation near municipal boundaries.

Specifically, Colorado Revised Statutes Section 31-12-105 requires the City to complete a plan as follows:

*Prior to completion of any annexation within the three-mile area, the municipality shall have in place a plan for that area that generally describes the proposed location, character, and extent of streets, subways, bridges, waterways, waterfronts, parkways, playgrounds, squares, parks, aviation fields, other public ways, grounds, open spaces, public utilities, and terminals for water, light, sanitation, transportation, and power to be provided by the municipality and the proposed land uses for the area. Such plan shall be updated at least once annually.*

The City's original Three-Mile Plan was adopted by Council on January 6, 1998 and has been revised annually pursuant to State Statutes. The Fort Collins Three-Mile Plan functions as a reference document,

highlighting adopted plans and policies describing the general location, character, utilities, infrastructure, and land uses within and beyond the municipal boundary.

This Three-Mile Plan describes relevant and applicable plans and policies for each of the items listed in the statute in four categories:

**Transportation-related items:**

- Streets
- Subways
- Bridges
- Parkways
- Aviation Fields
- Terminals for Transportation

**Parks, Natural Areas and Open Lands-related items:**

- Waterways
- Waterfronts
- Playgrounds
- Squares
- Parks
- Grounds
- Open Spaces

**Utilities and related items:**

- Public Utilities
- Terminals for Water, Light, Sanitation, and Power Provided by the Municipality

**Proposed Land Uses:**

- Inside Growth Management Area
- Outside Growth Management Area

This update represents a recurring action to ensure compliance with State requirements. There have been relatively few changes to the plans and policies referenced in the Three-Mile Plan since the last update in 2022. Specifically, the 2023 update highlights in bold the following plans and policies which have been adopted or amended over the preceding year:

- 1041 Regulations
- Active Modes Plan
- East Mulberry Plan (anticipated; pending second reading Dec 5, 2023)
- Land Use Code
- North College MAX BRT Plan
- Vision Zero Action Plan
- Water Quality Management Policy for City-owned Lakes & Stormwater Basins

**CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

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There are no direct financial impacts associated with adoption of the Plan.

## **BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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At its meeting on November 16, 2023, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended (5-0) that Council adopt the 2023 Three-Mile Plan update.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

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No public outreach was conducted for this item; the plans and policies referenced by the Three-Mile Plan completed individual outreach efforts.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Resolution for Consideration
2. Exhibit A to Resolution
3. Presentation to Planning and Zoning Commission