

ORDINANCE NO. 132, 2023  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE REGIONAL AIR  
QUALITY COUNCIL MOW DOWN POLLUTION GRANT FOR PURCHASE OF  
ZERO-EMISSION COMMERCIAL LAWN AND GARDEN EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the City is committed to 100 percent renewable energy and an 80 percent decrease in carbon emissions from a 2005 baseline by 2030 and in 2019 the City adopted a Municipal Sustainability and Adaptation Plan (“MSAP”) outlining the City’s goals, objectives and strategies for the municipality’s sustainability and resilience utilizing a triple bottom line approach; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Parks Department was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Regional Air Quality Council (“RAQC”) through funds provided by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to support replacement of gas-powered mowers, trimmers, edgers, blowers and other lawn and garden equipment that support maintenance of properties part of the City’s Parks, Forestry, Golf, Cemeteries, and Parks Planning and Development Departments; and

WHEREAS, this grant will support the City’s Goal 5 within the MSAP titled “We are Carbon Neutral”, which includes Objective 5.1.3 to replace City-owned fossil fuel powered, small-engine equipment with non-combustion engine alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the award is based on total costs of \$135,000, with RAQC providing \$100,000 in unanticipated funds and the remaining \$35,000 being provided by Parks as a grant match, which has already been appropriated in the 2023 General Fund; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation benefits the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of meeting the City’s renewable energy commitment and reduction of carbon emissions by 2030; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that this appropriation is available and previously unappropriated from the General Fund and will not cause the total amount appropriated in the General 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; and

WHEREAS, 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, 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to designate the appropriation herein for the Regional Air Quality Council Mow Down Pollution grant 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 such grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED 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 there is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the General Fund the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) to be expended in the General Fund for the purchase of zero-emission commercial lawn and garden equipment to be used by the Parks department.

Section 3. That the appropriation herein for the Regional Air Quality Council Mow Down Pollution 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 such grant.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading and ordered published this 3rd day of October, 2023, and to be presented for final passage on the 17th day of October, 2023.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading this 17th day of October, 2023.

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Mayor

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City Clerk