

ORDINANCE NO. 170, 2024
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL
REVENUE RECEIVED BY THE FORESTRY DIVISION TO BE
USED FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

A. This Ordinance appropriates unanticipated revenue from damages recovered in tree cases, development payment-in-lieu (“PIL”) funds, funds associated with the arborist licensing program, and funds received from the City’s Work for Others program.

B. The Code allows the Forestry Division to pursue and receive restitution when public trees are damaged on City property.

C. The Forestry Division receives PIL funds when a developer cannot plant enough trees on a development site to meet City requirements. These funds are used to support planting trees elsewhere in the City.

D. In 2024, the Forestry Division collected \$20,500 through restitution and PIL funds. Staff plan to use these funds to support tree replacement on public property and mitigate canopy loss in the community.

E. In 2010, Council adopted Ordinance No. 127, 2010, which requires that any business performing tree work in the City must first obtain an arborist license from the City. These City-issued arborist licenses are managed by Forestry Division staff.

F. The City created the Work for Others program to streamline departments supporting each other on projects. The Forestry Division has assisted a variety of departments on different projects.

G. In 2024, approximately \$55,002 was received from the arborist licensing program and the Work for Others efforts. Staff plan to use these funds to assist in covering personnel and non-personnel budget items.

H. This appropriation benefits the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of ensuring the community continues to have canopy coverage throughout the City and that the Forestry Division can continue to assist other departments on a variety of projects throughout the City.

I. 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.

J. 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.

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 that there is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the General Fund the sum of SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWO DOLLARS (\$73,902) to be expended in the General Fund by the Forestry Division for Various Programs and Services.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on November 19, 2024, and approved on second reading for final passage on December 3, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: December 13, 2024

Approving Attorney: Ted Hewitt