



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMO

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTED BY	DATE
Parks and Recreation	Diesel Post - Parks and Recreation Director	July 1, 2024

AGENDA ITEM

Discussion with the Foodshed Alliance Market Manager regarding the need for portlets at the Salida Farmer's Market and a request to have the City subsidize these services.

BACKGROUND

The Salida Farmer's Market has steadily grown into a large-scale event that attracts as many as 300 people on any given Saturday. Chaffee County Public Health recommends 1 portlet (portable toilet) per 50 people, meaning that the Farmer's Market should provide 6 portlets for the event on Saturdays. Staff discussed this with the manager and board of the Foodshed Alliance and agreed to allow only 2 toilets to be placed for the first 3 markets to gauge the use and need for the units. The manager and board requested that the city pay for the units as they provide a service to the community. Staff agreed to hold the invoices from the portlets until the Market Manager could discuss this request with the Council.

Units cost \$120 per weekend. Over the weekend, most units have the hand sanitizer dispensers destroyed, costing an additional \$52.50.

REQUESTED DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL

Please advise staff whether the Council would like to use City funds to subsidize a portlet at the Salida Farmer's Market, removing this financial obligation from the Foodshed Alliance.