



Legislation Text

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Ordinance No. 22-52 amending Ordinance No. 21-112 (2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance) for a Supplemental Appropriation to the General Fund in the amount of \$2,700,000 for establishing the Keep It Clean COS program which will proactively aim to reduce litter and improve the appearance of public rights-of-way

Presenter:

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Summary:

The Keep It Clean COS program is a comprehensive initiative aimed at reducing litter and improving the appearance of our city. Keep it Clean COS will address litter on public medians, priority corridors, arterials/collectors and residential rights-of-way.

The attached ordinance is a supplemental appropriation to the General Fund in the amount of \$2,700,000 for additional positions and resources needed to implement the Keep It Clean COS program.

Background:

The main focus of this program will be on medians. These frequently collect trash and require continual maintenance to remove vegetation. There are currently over 8.4 million square feet (SF) of medians with curb and gutter stretching over 243 miles within the City.

Priority corridors will be chosen based on several factors including areas with high volume of calls for service for accumulation of trash and debris, areas that are in proximity to waterways, areas that influence initial impressions of the City, and roadways with medians.

Arterials and collectors are similar to the priority corridors but they are separated out in order to minimize costs with a less frequent maintenance schedule of once per year.

Residential roadways experience less accumulation of trash and debris, as property owners typically pick up trash on or near their property. It is anticipated that the maintenance required by the City will be limited to street sweeping.

Previous Council Action:

On December 14, 2021, City Council approved the original 2022 Budget per Ordinance No. 21-112.

Financial Implications:

This supplemental appropriation increases the 2022 General Fund expenditure budget by \$2,700,000. Of this amount, approximately \$1,940,000 will be used for one-time equipment and

approximately \$760,000 will be used for ongoing operating and staffing for 10-11 FTEs. The source of funds is the General Fund available fund balance.

City Council Appointed Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

This item was discussed with City Council Budget Committee on July 12, 2022.

Stakeholder Process:

There is opportunity for community partnerships and organized clean up events that will have a significant impact, to include the Annual Great America Cleanup, Creek Week, Adopt a Park and Adopt a Waterway. The city is challenging businesses and private citizens to clean up their property and a Spirit of the Springs Award will be given annually to a resident or volunteer community group that makes a significant contribution to keeping Colorado Springs clean.

Alternatives:

N/A

Proposed Motion:

Move to approve an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 21-112 (2022 Budget Appropriation Ordinance) for a Supplemental Appropriation to the General Fund in the amount of \$2,700,000 for establishing the Keep It Clean COS program which will proactively address the appearance of public rights-of-way

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