

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-23-129 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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- 1 **RESOLUTION**
- 2 **REQUIRING THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A**
- 3 **REPORT ON THE SHOPPING CART COLLECTION PILOT.**
- 4 **WHEREAS, Albuquerque residents deserve a clean and beautiful City; and**
- 5 **WHEREAS, On June 22, 2022, R-22-54 was introduced which proposed**
- 6 **creating an Abandoned Shopping Cart Program to retrieve, return, recycle,**
- 7 **and dispose of shopping carts abandoned throughout the City; and**
- 8 **WHEREAS, abandoned shopping carts are litter and are unsightly,**
- 9 **unsanitary, and a nuisance for residents, businesses and establishments,**
- 10 **police and law enforcement, and visitors to the City; and**
- 11 **WHEREAS, shopping carts are commonly discarded, strewn, and**
- 12 **abandoned in communities across the City; and;**
- 13 **WHEREAS, abandoned shopping carts may jeopardize the safety of**
- 14 **pedestrians, especially those with disabilities, who must attempt to navigate**
- 15 **around them when the carts are abandoned within public rights-of-ways; and**
- 16 **WHEREAS, abandoned shopping carts may also block arroyos and other**
- 17 **water conveyance channels throughout the City; and**
- 18 **WHEREAS, the City desires to maintain a safe, litter-free environment for all**
- 19 **residents and visitors to enjoy; and**
- 20 **WHEREAS, many abandoned shopping carts are in working order or are**
- 21 **made of recyclable material; and**
- 22 **WHEREAS, stolen shopping carts may cause a financial hardship for**
- 23 **businesses throughout Albuquerque; and**
- 24 **WHEREAS, the Department of Solid Waste Management is conducting a Pilot**
- 25 **Program to retrieve, return, recycle, and dispose of abandoned shopping carts;**
- 26 **and**

1 WHEREAS, reports from the Solid Waste Department informing the City
2 Council of the progress and effectiveness of the pilot program will aid in the
3 continuation of the program.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
5 ALBUQUERQUE:

6 SECTION 1. REQUIRING A PILOT PROJECT REPORT.

7 The Department of Solid Waste Management (SWM) shall submit a report
8 to the City Council detailing the outcomes of the Program Year 2023 Shopping
9 Cart Pilot Program no later than 30 days after the completion of the Pilot. The
10 report shall include, at a minimum:

- 11 1) The number of shopping carts collected by SWM or its contractor(s);
- 12 2) The number of collected shopping carts that were returned to their
13 owners;
- 14 3) The number of collected shopping carts that were recycled or
15 repurposed for parts or other uses;
- 16 4) The number of collected shopping carts that went into the landfills;
- 17 5) The average amount of time between an abandoned cart being
18 reported and the cart being retrieved;
- 19 6) The method of storage for collected shopping carts;
- 20 7) The ways in which abandoned shopping carts were reported to SWM;
- 21 8) The cost of the Pilot Program, including any contractors SWM
22 engaged with to collect abandoned shopping carts;
- 23 9) Data regarding where abandoned shopping carts are found, which
24 retailers they are coming from, and the number of carts collected
25 per week;
- 26 10)The next steps for the program, including whether SWM will seek a
27 contractor to continue the cart retrieval program.
- 28 11)Costs to implement the program on an ongoing basis/ determination
29 of whether there is justification for the continuation of this program.

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