

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.