

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-23-129 ENACTMENT NO. R-2023-047

SPONSORED BY: Louie Sanchez

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
19 all 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
25 Pilot Program to retrieve, return, recycle, and dispose of abandoned shopping
26 carts; 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
8 report to the City Council detailing the outcomes of the Program Year 2023
9 Shopping Cart Pilot Program no later than 30 days after the completion of the
10 Pilot. The report shall include, at a minimum:

11 1) The number of shopping carts collected by SWM or its
12 contractor(s);

13 2) The number of collected shopping carts that were returned to their
14 owners;

15 3) The number of collected shopping carts that were recycled or
16 repurposed for parts or other uses;

17 4) The number of collected shopping carts that went into the landfills;

18 5) The average amount of time between an abandoned cart being
19 reported and the cart being retrieved;

20 6) The method of storage for collected shopping carts;

21 7) The ways in which abandoned shopping carts were reported to
22 SWM;

23 8) The cost of the Pilot Program, including any contractors SWM
24 engaged with to collect abandoned shopping carts;

25 9) Data regarding where abandoned shopping carts are found, which
26 retailers they are coming from, and the number of carts collected per week;

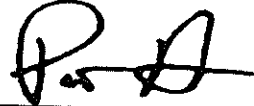
27 10) The next steps for the program, including whether SWM will seek a
28 contractor to continue the cart retrieval program;

29 11) Costs to implement the program on an ongoing basis/determination
30 of whether there is justification for the continuation of this program.

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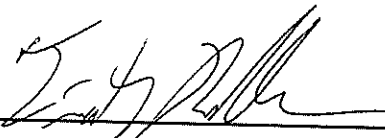
1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF June, 2023
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.
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16 Bill No. R-23-129
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