



Legislation Text

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**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE**  
**TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-22-54 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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RESOLUTION

Directing The Solid Waste Department To Develop A Process For The Retrieval, Return, And Disposal Of Abandoned Shopping Carts, Making An Appropriation To Fund A Contract To Administer The Abandoned Shopping Cart Program (Sanchez)

WHEREAS, shopping carts are commonly discarded, strewn, and abandoned in communities across the City; and

**WHEREAS, abandoned shopping carts are litter and are unsightly, unsanitary, and a nuisance for residents, businesses and establishments, police and law enforcement, and visitors to the City; and**

**WHEREAS, abandoned shopping carts may jeopardize the safety of drivers who must navigate around these carts; and**

**WHEREAS, abandoned shopping carts may also jeopardize the safety of pedestrians, especially those with disabilities, who must attempt to navigate around them when the carts are abandoned within public rights-of-ways; and**

**WHEREAS, abandoned shopping carts may also block arroyos and other water conveyance channels throughout the City; and**

**WHEREAS, the City desires to maintain a safe, litter-free environment for all residents and visitors to enjoy; and**

**WHEREAS, creating a process to retrieve, return, and dispose of, and recycle abandoned shopping carts will help address this community concern; and**

**WHEREAS, this process could prevent thousands of shopping carts from entering the**

**City's landfill; and**

**WHEREAS, this Resolution does not apply to shopping carts that may be in use by an individual or otherwise being used for personal belongings and/or shelter; and**

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

**SECTION 1. The City's Solid Waste Department shall develop and administer an abandoned shopping cart retrieval, return, and disposal program, including:**

- A. Engaging with and supervising a contractor who will retrieve and attempt to return abandoned shopping carts to retailers;**
- B. Providing for storage of collected shopping carts;**
- C. Establishing a disposal procedure in the event a shopping cart cannot be returned, to include processing for recycling and resale options;**
- D. Exploring the imposition of reasonable fees for retailers for cart return and disposal;**
- E. Coordinating with 311 to create a mechanism through which residents can report abandoned shopping carts, and the contractor can then be dispatched to the location; and**
- F. In conjunction with the contractor, track where abandoned shopping carts are found, which retailers they are coming from, and the number of carts collected on a monthly basis.**

**SECTION 2. The following appropriation is made from the available fund balance program from Fiscal Year 2023:**

**GENERAL FUND - 110**

**Solid Waste Management**

<b>Contract to administer abandoned shopping cart program</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
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