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

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-23-129 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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RESOLUTION

Requiring The Solid Waste Management Department To Submit A Report On The Shopping Cart  
Collection Pilot (Sanchez)

WHEREAS, Albuquerque residents deserve a clean and beautiful City; and

WHEREAS, On June 22, 2022, R-22-54 was introduced which proposed creating an  
Abandoned Shopping Cart Program to retrieve, return, recycle, and dispose of shopping carts  
abandoned throughout 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, shopping carts are commonly discarded, strewn, and abandoned in communities  
across the City; and;

WHEREAS, abandoned shopping carts may 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, many abandoned shopping carts are in working order or are made of recyclable

material; and

WHEREAS, stolen shopping carts may cause a financial hardship for businesses throughout Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Solid Waste Management is conducting a Pilot Program to retrieve, return, recycle, and dispose of abandoned shopping carts; and

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

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

SECTION 1. REQUIRING A PILOT PROJECT REPORT.

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

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

