

ORDINANCE NO. 066, 2024
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AND
APPROPRIATING PRIOR YEAR RESERVES TO
DEVELOP A DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY ROADMAP

A. Colorado House Bill 21-1110, as amended by Senate Bill 23-244, makes it a state civil rights violation for a government agency to exclude people with disabilities from receiving services or benefits because of lack of accessibility.

B. The state accessibility standards apply to all technology, hardware, and software, that is both public-facing and internal-facing. This includes any technology provided by or procured by a government entity that is used by the public or used by a government entity employee. This technology includes but is not limited to websites, applications, kiosks, digital signage, documents, video, audio, and third-party tools.

C. The City seeks to hire an outside consultant to assist the City in reaching compliance with these state accessibility standards by developing a comprehensive and actionable Digital Accessibility Roadmap. The estimated cost of this consultant will be \$150,000 for phase 1 of this project.

D. Future phases of this project may include ongoing services to ensure future digital content is compliant with accessibility standards, including but not limited to, processes to validate that newly created content is in compliance with accessibility regulations; provide training for City staff to ensure that they have knowledge and skills to maintain compliance; and recommendations for modifying existing City procurement processes and documents to ensure that new or renewing third party software and digital services comply with applicable accessibility regulations.

E. This appropriation benefits the public health and welfare of the citizens of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose and strategic objective of improving the accessibility of the City's information and communication technology.

F. Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council, upon recommendation of the City Manager, to make a supplemental appropriation by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year, provided that the total amount of such supplemental appropriation, in combination with all previous appropriations for that fiscal year, do not exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received during the fiscal year.

G. The City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that this appropriation is available and previously unappropriated from the General Fund and will not cause the total amount appropriated in the General Fund to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in this Fund during this fiscal year.

H. Article V, Section 9 of the City Charter permits the City Council, upon the recommendation of the City Manager, to make supplemental appropriations by ordinance at any time during the fiscal year such funds for expenditure as may be available from reserves accumulated in prior years, notwithstanding that such reserves were not previously appropriated.

I. The City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that this appropriation is available and previously unappropriated the General Fund and will not cause the total amount appropriated in the General Fund, as applicable, to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues and all other funds to be received in these funds during this fiscal year.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that there is hereby appropriated from prior year reserves in the General Fund the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000) to be expended in the General Fund to hire a consultant for the development of a Digital Accessibility Roadmap.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on May 21, 2024, and approved on second reading for final passage on June 4, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Interim City Clerk

Effective Date: June 14, 2024

Approving Attorney: Sara Arfmann