

ORDINANCE NO. 075, 2025
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF COLORADO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COLORADO HIGHWAY
SAFETY OFFICE CLICK IT OR TICKET GRANT FUNDS FOR
THE FORT COLLINS POLICE SERVICES TRAFFIC
ENFORCEMENT UNIT

A. On March 26, 2025, Fort Collins Police Services ("FCPS") Traffic Enforcement Unit was awarded a grant through the Colorado Department of Transportation (HSO) Click It or Ticket program, which is a grant program that provides high visibility enforcement focusing on enforcement of driver and passenger restraint system use.

B. The Program runs three enforcement cycles starting in April, May, and July of 2025. During these three enforcement cycles officers are deployed to conduct traffic enforcement and specifically to enforce driver and passenger restraint use. The enforcement of driver and passenger restraint system use aligns with the City of Fort Collins Vision Zero goal to reduce and/or eliminate serious injury and fatal crashes.

C. The item appropriates \$20,000 in unanticipated funds received through this grant to help cover program costs for the FCPS Traffic Enforcement Unit and other agency personnel to deploy at their respective salary overtime rates during the three enforcement periods of Click It or Ticket.

D. Driver and passenger restraint systems have proven to save lives by keeping the restrained passengers inside the vehicle in the event of a serious collision. According to CDOT, "Since Click It or Ticket was introduced in Colorado in 2002, statewide seat belt use has increased from 72% to 88%." The Program covers the period from April 1, 2025, through August 1, 2025.

E. The Police Department will utilize the grant funds to cover personnel costs for implementing this program.

F. This appropriation benefits the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Fort Collins and serves the public purpose of saving lives through education and enforcement measures.

G. 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.

H. The City Manager has recommended the appropriation described herein and determined that the funds to be appropriated are available and previously unappropriated from the General Fund and that this appropriation 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.

I. Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to designate in the ordinance when appropriating funds for a federal, state or private grant or donation, that such appropriation shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year in which the appropriation is made, but continue until the earlier of the expiration of the federal, state or private grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

J. The City Council wishes to designate the appropriation herein for the Colorado Department of Transportation, Colorado Highway Safety Office Click It or Ticket Grant as an appropriation that shall not lapse until the earlier of the expiration of the grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

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 as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from new revenue or other funds in the General Fund the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) to be expended in the General Fund for the Fort Collins Police Services Traffic Enforcement Unit.

Section 2. The appropriation herein for the Colorado Department of Transportation, Colorado Highway Safety Office Click It or Ticket Grant is hereby designated, as authorized in Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter, as an appropriation that shall not lapse at the end of this fiscal year but continue until the earlier of the expiration of the grant or the City's expenditure of all funds received from such grant.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on May 6, 2025, and approved on second reading for final passage on May 20, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: May 30, 2025

Approving Attorney: Dawn Downs