



Legislation Text

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Resolution Directing the City Administrator to Provide Additional Funding in the FY20/21 Budget and Financial Plan to Address Affordable Housing, Climate Action, and Pedestrian Safety and Provide SMART Performance Outcomes

Whereas, The City Council of the City of Ann Arbor, on behalf of the members of the community, has established the following policy goals that reflect our community values: enabling a safe, welcoming, and inclusive community; providing a financially stable local government; promoting responsible economic development; protecting the environment as responsible stewards of natural resources; and building and maintaining sustainable infrastructure;

Whereas, The City Council adopted the Housing and Affordability and Economic Equity Analysis Report in 2015 (Washtenaw County), which Report includes the recommendation that the City of Ann Arbor add 140 affordable housing units per year to create resiliency, promote equity, and improve opportunity for households of all income levels;

Whereas, The City Council adopted the City of Ann Arbor Climate Action Plan in 2012, an ambitious multi-strategy vision to reduce community wide emissions through aggressive actions in the areas of renewable energy, transportation, building efficiency, land use, and adaptation and resiliency; and the City has subsequently adopted policies setting goals for conversion to clean and renewable energy, green fleet conversion, and environmentally preferable procurement;

Whereas, The City Council adopted the City's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan in 2007 and a Vision Zero policy in 2017 to improve and enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety and to encourage alternative forms of transportation to single occupant vehicles and to pursue a Complete Streets approach, and the City is currently updating the overall Transportation Plan to include the incorporation of a Vision Zero approach;

Whereas, The lack of dedicated and reliable funding sources and achievable measures of success, including SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Timely) objectives have hampered progress in the areas of affordable housing, climate action, and pedestrian and bicyclist safety;

Whereas, This resolution does not ratify, void, modify, or have any bearing whatsoever on Council Resolution R-17-356;

Whereas, This resolution neither prevents nor limits the ability of the City Administrator to include affordable housing, climate action, and pedestrian and bicyclist safety monies in the FY2020 budget proposal in excess of amounts identified below; and

Whereas, This resolution neither prevents nor limits the ability of City Council to direct the Administrator and/or amend the FY2020 budget to include affordable housing, climate action, and pedestrian and bicyclist safety monies in excess of amounts identified below.

RESOLVED, That the City Council directs the City Administrator to include in the FY2020 budget proposal the following priorities at no less than the following levels above a FY2018 baseline (increased by an appropriate indicator for inflation) (“Baseline Funding”): \$880,000.00 for affordable housing, in furtherance of the goals recommended by the Housing and Affordability and Economic Equity Analysis Report; \$880,000.00 for climate action, in furtherance of the goals of Ann Arbor’s Climate Action Plan; and \$440,000.00 for pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements, in furtherance of Ann Arbor’s Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Vision Zero policy (“Directed Funding”), and that Directed Funding uses will be clearly identified in the budget documents along with the programs, projects, and initiatives to be funded;

RESOLVED, That the City Council further direct the City Administrator to include Directed Funding (increased by an appropriate indicator for inflation) over and above Baseline Funding in the FY2021 budget plan; and

RESOLVED, That the City Council further direct the City Administrator to establish and submit with the FY20/21 Financial Plan appropriate SMART objectives in the specified areas and that the City Administrator will report on the progress of these programs, projects on a quarterly basis.

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