AGENDA SUMMARY
EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Amendment to Eureka Municipal Code Chapter 130.30 for Abandoned and Derelict Shopping Carts

DEPARTMENT: Development Services

PREPARED BY: Brendan Reilly, Chief Building Official

PRESENTED FOR: ☒Action ☐Information only ☐Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

Waive full reading, read by title only and introduce Bill No. 1046-C.S., an ordinance of the City of Eureka amending Eureka Municipal Code Title 13, Chapter 130, Section 130.30, pertaining to abandoned and derelict shopping carts.

FISCAL IMPACT

☒No Fiscal Impact ☐Included in Budget ☐Additional Appropriation

COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

Strategic Goal: Update the Municipal Code to allow charging fees for either the disposal of abandoned and derelict shopping carts or the return of these carts to the businesses from which they came when appropriate.

DISCUSSION

The current Municipal Code provides that the City may charge a fee for the disposal of abandoned and derelict shopping carts. Many of these carts are clean and still in working order and could be redirected from the landfill or salvage yard and instead returned to the businesses from which they came. Staff seeks to return as many clean and functioning shopping carts as possible while also reserving the authority to charge fees. A fee of $80.34 may be charged for each cart to compensate for staff time . An additional fee may also be levied to provide a deterrent in order to encourage businesses to be proactive about their abandoned carts.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Amending the text of the Eureka Municipal Code is a “project” for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). However, pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061, there is a general rule CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty there is no possibility the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the Text Amendment only sets forth an option to reduce effects on the environment, the Text Amendment will not result in a significant effect on the environment.

STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION

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SUGGESTED MOTION

“I move the City Council waive full reading, read by title only, and introduce Bill No. 1046-C.S., an ordinance of the City of Eureka amending Eureka Municipal Code Title 13, Chapter 130, Section 130.30, pertaining to abandoned and derelict shopping carts.”

ATTACHMENTS:

- Bill No. 1046-C.S.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

☐City Attorney

☐City Clerk/Information Technology
☐Community Services
☒Development Services
☐Finance
☐Fire
☐Human Resources
☐Police
☐Public Works