

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 35
Series of 2014

TITLE: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO ENCOURAGE HEALTHY OPPORTUNITIES AND CHOICES FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT OF LIVEWELL COLORADO'S HEALTHY EATING ACTIVE LIVING (HEAL) CITIES AND TOWNS CAMPAIGN

WHEREAS, in light of statistics showing that increasing the number of transportation, active lifestyle, and healthy eating choices contributes positively to the citizenry, the City Council continues to support policies, projects and programs that facilitate wellness; and

WHEREAS, obesity has been identified by the Colorado Department of Health and Environment as one of ten winnable health related battles in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost to Colorado in medical bills, workers compensation and lost productivity due to obesity and physical inactivity exceeds \$1.6 billion; and

WHEREAS, Wheat Ridge Vision 2025 includes: "Vibrant Activity Centers and Multi-Modal Transportation and Wheat Ridge Residents Enjoy an Active, Healthy Lifestyle"; and

WHEREAS, LiveWell Wheat Ridge and Jefferson County Public Health have partnered with the City for nine years under a Community Investment Grant to develop and advocate for policies and projects that support a healthy food system and a more bicycle/pedestrian-friendly community; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 City Council adopted its Comprehensive Plan "Envision Wheat Ridge" which identifies goals, priorities and strategies to support access to healthy foods and opportunities for physical activity; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to assuring that members of our community have access to open space, trails, parks and opportunities for both indoor and outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the City Council adopted a Mixed Use Zoning Ordinance to support dense, compact and walkable development; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 City Council adopted The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to promote safe, healthy and sustainable transportation options as well as strengthen regional connectivity; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the City implemented zoning designations that support local agriculture by allowing community gardens, farmer's markets, and produce stands and

the City owns and operates a community gardening program to provide access to fresh and healthy foods to the local community; and

WHEREAS, the City has demonstrated its commitment to increasing opportunities for physical activity in the past three years by funding two new parks, Wadsworth Boulevard and Kipling Street Multi-Use Trails, Pierce Street Bike Facilities and the Wadsworth PEL Study; and

WHEREAS, the City, Jefferson County Public Health, LiveWell Colorado and Lutheran Medical Center will partner together to promote a healthy community through policy collaboration, education and programming; and

WHEREAS, The City has established a Wellness Committee and program for employees that includes wellness education and incentives for healthy living.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council will foster a built environment that encourages walking, biking and other forms of physical activity.

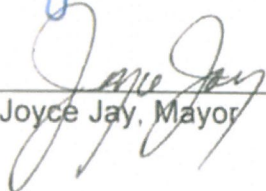
Section 2. The City Council will expand community access to indoor and outdoor public facilities through joint use agreements with schools and/or other partners.

Section 3. The City Council will include healthy goals and policies related to healthy and active living in appropriate community planning documents.

Section 4. The City Council will support the expansion of healthy food retailers, community gardens or farms, and farmer's markets in underserved communities to increase access to healthy foods.

Section 5. The City Council supports the LiveWell Colorado Healthy Eating Active Living Cities and Towns Campaign.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 9th day of June, 2014.



Joyce Jay, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janelle Shaver, City Clerk

