

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 17
Series of 2019

TITLE: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 19-008 CONCERNING TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS WHO COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, public health and safety are essential to the citizens of the City of Wheat Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Wheat Ridge and the Jefferson County area are experiencing a rise in substance-related arrests; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado's Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion ("LEAD") Programs focus on getting individuals suffering from substance addiction to treatment and services rather than getting them into the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, LEAD Programs have been found to be successful for participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Senate Bill 19-008 would add low level drug crimes to a simplified record sealing process as well as identify funding to expand the LEAD Programs from four to ten; and

WHEREAS, City Council may adopt a resolution taking a position of advocacy regarding proposed legislation during the 2019 Colorado Legislative session; and

WHEREAS, City Council takes a position in support of Senate Bill 19-008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Wheat Ridge City Council, that:


The City of Wheat Ridge supports Senate Bill 19-008.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 11th day of March, 2019.

ATTEST:



Janelle Shaver, City Clerk



~~Bud Starker, Mayor~~
Janece Hoppe, Mayor

