

RESOLUTION NO. _____

DATE: _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL
EXPRESSING ITS INTENT TO ESTABLISH A DRUG DISPOSAL
PROGRAM FOR SALT LAKE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council finds that certain lawfully possessed controlled substances, particularly unused or expired prescription drugs including opioids, present a public safety risk and are prone to misuse and other forms of harm if they are not properly disposed of; and

WHEREAS, the Council further finds that improper disposal of lawfully possessed controlled substances has been shown to cause harm to the environment and public health; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County and its residents would benefit from the establishment of a drug disposal program that promotes the convenient, secure, and environmentally friendly disposal of lawfully possessed controlled substances; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council intends to work with the Salt Lake County Health Department and other appropriate stakeholders to establish such a program; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a drug disposal program for Salt Lake County residents would be consistent with the Council's responsibility as the county's local substance abuse authority to develop plans and appropriate funds for the provision of substance abuse prevention services to Salt Lake County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Council intends that any such program be established as a community drug disposal program, and that funding for such program be considered as a prevention program eligible for funding from the Salt Lake County's opioid litigation settlement funds and recognized as a core strategy for opioid remediation under the settlement agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Council intends to provide initial policy guidance for the program;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Salt Lake County Council, acting as the legislative body for Salt Lake County, that:

- 1) The Council requests that the Salt Lake County Health Department take initial steps consistent with Salt Lake County procurement ordinance and policy to solicit professional services necessary to establish a drug disposal program for Salt Lake County residents. More specifically, the Council requests that the Department consider issuing a request for information (RFI) or similar procurement request that can be used by the County’s policymakers to better assess currently available options and costs for drug disposal receptacles. As a part of this effort, the Health Department is encouraged to assess potential program options and funding needs. Such a program should be developed consistent with applicable federal and state law and regulations and should include options for the potential distribution of “home controlled substance disposal receptacles” to county residents as defined and regulated by Utah Code Ann. § 67-5-36.
- 2) The Council intends to provide funds from eligible sources, including opioid litigation settlement funds, necessary to conduct the initial procurement process for a future Salt Lake County drug disposal program, including approving a future budget adjustment that may be necessary for that purpose.
- 3) The Council commits to work with the Salt Lake County Health Department and other stakeholders to further develop and fund a drug disposal program on an ongoing basis following the initial program development and procurement process.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2023.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____
Aimee Winder Newton, Chair

ATTEST:

Lannie Chapman
Salt Lake County Clerk

REVIEWED AS TO FORM

Deputy District Attorney Date

Council Member Alvord voting _____
Council Member Bradley voting _____
Council Member Bradshaw voting _____
Council Member Granato voting _____
Council Member Harrison voting _____
Council Member Stewart voting _____
Council Member Stringham voting _____
Council Member Theodore voting _____
Council Member Winder Newton voting _____