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City of Gainesville Policy Program MEMORANDUM

To: Deborah Bowie, Interim City Manager
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Via: Marie Kessler, Deputy/Acting Clerk of the Commission
Date: October 16, 2019
Subject: Abandoned Shopping Carts (190222)

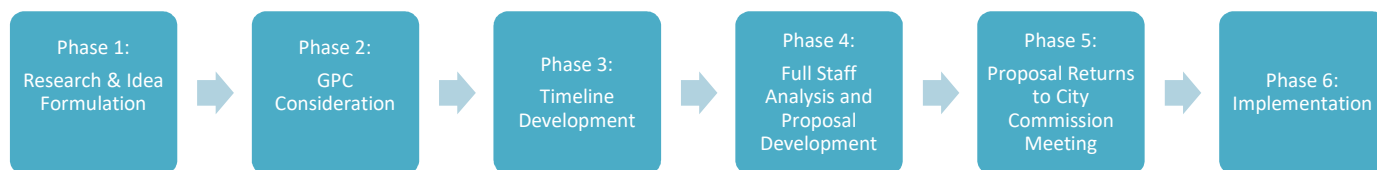
At the August 22, 2019, General Policy Committee meeting, our office presented its research on Abandoned Shopping Carts at the request of Commissioner Simmons. The report and Power Point presentation are attached with this memorandum. The report may also be found on the City's OneDrive at bit.ly/GNVpolicy.

The GPC discussion ended with a vote unanimously passing the following (in substance) motion:

- 1) Staff to further investigate and analyze a three-pronged system that:
 - a. Requires every business utilizing shopping carts to establish a plan to retain their carts on their premises,
 - b. Requires every shopping cart to display the phone number of its owner, or a designated contact person, so that anyone may call the number and the store will proceed to pick up the cart, and
 - c. Possibly imposes a fine or fee when Public Works ends up retrieving a cart (which they already do when there is a safety or operational reason).
- 2) Staff to provide additional fiscal impact information from other cities that currently have similar ordinances.

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Pursuant to the Commission's policy process, this project is now in *Phase 3: Timeline Development* wherein it sits with the assigned Charter Officer to determine the time/resources required to fully evaluate the proposal and create a community engagement plan (where appropriate). This timeline and plan would be returned to GPC for the purposes of Commission update and approval. From there, and based on that timeline, the assigned Charter Officer would launch a full staff analysis on the various impacts the proposal might have on City operations.



If there is any way the Clerk's office can be of service in future stages of this project, please let us know.