

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PLACEMENT OF GIVING METERS
IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA**

WHEREAS, Destination Rapid City, which represents many downtown businesses, has requested authorization to place giving meters in the downtown area of Rapid City; and

WHEREAS, giving meters are a way to raise money for nonprofit and charitable organizations that serve the homeless and other vulnerable populations of the city; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations that the City partners with to serve the homeless and vulnerable populations within the city; and

WHEREAS, giving funds to such organizations provides a larger impact than giving money to panhandlers; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the installation of giving meters to raise money for the purpose of serving the homeless and vulnerable populations as an alternative to residents and visitors giving money to panhandlers; and

WHEREAS, the placement of giving meters in the public right-of-way or on City-owned property will serve a public purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Rapid City that placement of giving meters in the public right-of-way, or on City-owned property, within the downtown area is hereby authorized according to the terms and conditions of this Resolution. The downtown area is that portion of the city bounded by West Boulevard on the west, East Boulevard on the east, Omaha Street on the north, and South Street on the south.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such giving meters shall be in such number and placed in such locations as the Mayor or the Mayor's designee shall deem appropriate, taking into account the following considerations: the total number of meters, pedestrian traffic volumes, safety, visibility, and accessibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Works Director or designee may place appropriate signage in the public right-of-way, or upon City-owned property, to encourage alternatives to giving money to panhandlers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proceeds of donations raised by the giving meters shall not accrue to or benefit any individual or for-profit enterprise, but shall only be used to support non-profit and charitable entities organized pursuant to South Dakota or federal law that serve the homeless or other vulnerable populations of the city.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or the Mayor's designee is authorized to execute such agreements or other documents as may be necessary to carry out this Resolution.

Dated this _____ day of May, 2021.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Mayor

Attest

Finance Director

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