

RESOLUTION NO. 19-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING THE POLICY OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK TO APPLY A "HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES" APPROACH TO THE CITY'S DECISION-MAKING, INCLUDING POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION, BUDGETING AND SERVICE DELIVERY; SUPPORTING THE DECISION TO HIRE A HEALTH PLANNER TO IMPLEMENT HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS TO ENSURE THAT PROJECTS ARE EVALUATED BASED ON THEIR HEALTH IMPLICATIONS IN ADDITION TO TRADITIONAL METRICS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of the City of Pinellas Park's residents are critical for a prosperous and sustainable city; and

WHEREAS, there is growing awareness that health is influenced by the interaction of many factors and not simply genetics, individual behaviors, or access to medical care. It is now widely accepted that conditions in the environments in which people are born, live, learn, work, play, and age, known as the social determinants of health, have the greatest influence on health outcomes across populations; and

WHEREAS, the social determinants of health further affect chronic disease rates and mental illness, as well as injuries caused by accidents and violence; they also influence the adoption of healthy lifestyles by making it more or less difficult for individuals to choose behaviors that either promote or diminish health; and

WHEREAS, the social determinants of health further contribute to health inequities, defined as differences in health associated with an individual's or group's specific attributes (e.g. income, education, or race/ethnicity) that are connected to social disadvantages or historical and contemporary injustices. These inequities can be minimized through changes to policy, programs, and practices; and

WHEREAS, addressing the social determinants of health can lead to reducing the upward trend of unmitigated health care costs, one of the biggest threats to individuals, businesses, and local government budgets alike; and

WHEREAS, neighborhoods with affordable and healthy food, safe and accessible housing, and quality employment opportunities positively influence behaviors and help to create healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, in Pinellas County, the leading causes of death are heart disease at 21.5%, cancer at 20.6%, and unintentional injury at 6.1%, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that 86% of the nation's \$2.7 trillion annual health care expenditures are for people with chronic and mental health conditions. According to the Multiple Chronic Conditions Chartbook, chronic diseases and conditions such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, Type 2 diabetes, obesity, and arthritis are among the most common, costly, and preventable of

all health problems (Florida Charts 2016 prepared for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, U. S. Department of Health and Human Services); and

WHEREAS, policies implemented by the City outside of the traditional health sector significantly affect the social determinants of health, including policies related to urban redevelopment, food access, housing, transportation, public safety, education, sustainability, climate change, parks, air and water quality, criminal justice, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, interdepartmental and interagency collaboration can lead to improve decision-making and outcome and greater efficiencies in service delivery; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a "Health in All Policies" approach, the City recognizes that all departments have a role to play in achieving health equity, defined as the attainment of the highest level of health for all people; and

WHEREAS, achieving health equity requires valuing everyone equally with focused and ongoing societal efforts to address avoidable inequalities, historical and contemporary injustices, and the elimination of health and healthcare disparities; and

WHEREAS, "Health in All Policies" falls in line with the City's vision that supports the long term goals of a healthy community; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Department of Health, with the critical support of the City of Pinellas Park, has set as a policy the goals of achieving the highest level of physical and mental health for all people and reducing physical and mental health disparities, and this resolution is designed to be consistent with this approach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: That it shall be the policy of the City of Pinellas Park to apply a "Health in All Policies" approach to the City's decision-making, including policy development and implementation, budgeting and service delivery.

SECTION TWO: That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Pinellas Park support the decision to hire a Health Planner to implement Health Impact Assessments to ensure projects are evaluated based on their health implications in addition to traditional metrics.

SECTION THREE: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF August, 2019.


AYES: (4) Council Members; Johnson, Mullins, Sabiel, Mayor Bradbury

NAYES: (0)


ABSENT: (1) Councilman Butler

ABSTAIN: (0)

APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF August, 2019.


Sandra L. Bradbury
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Nichole Strickland, MMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK