

**FISCAL IMPACT REPORT****General Information:**(Check) **Bill:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Resolution:**   x  **Short Title(s):** Updating Closure Rules on Plaza for Vehicular Traffic**Sponsor(s):** Councilor Patricia Feghali**Reviewing Department(s):** Public Works Department, City Attorney's Office**Staff Completing FIR:** Barbara Lopez, Public Works Project Manager **Date:** 6/15/2026**Phone:** (505) 955-2110**Reviewed by City Attorney:** *Marcos D. Martinez* **Date:** 06/18/2026  
[Marcos D. Martinez \(Jun 18, 2026 14:25:39 MDT\)](#)**Reviewed by Finance Director:** *Andrea Phillips* **Date:** 06/18/2026  
[ANDREA PHILLIPS \(Jun 18, 2026 14:59:40 MDT\)](#)**Summary:**

The attached resolution would amend Resolution Nos. 2014-49 and 2016-80 to close the streets to vehicular traffic surrounding Plaza Park annually from Memorial Day to October 31<sup>st</sup> or later. It would also permanently close Lincoln Avenue and Palace Avenue, next to Plaza Park to vehicular traffic. Specifically, the resolution directs the City Manager to effectuate the following actions:

- 1) Amend Resolution 2014-49 to remove the "continuation" of the closure of Palace Avenue along Plaza Park and establish that it shall remain closed to vehicular traffic permanently; and
- 2) Amend Resolution 2016-80 to establish that Lincoln Avenue along Plaza Park shall remain closed to vehicles permanently; and
- 3) Amend Resolution 2016-80 to establish that the restriction of vehicular traffic around Plaza Park, including San Francisco Street, shall occur annually from Memorial Day to October 31<sup>st</sup> or such later date determined by the city manager; and
- 4) Designate Palace Avenue between Lincoln Avenue and Washington Avenue exclusively as a loading and unloading zone for Plaza vendors and Palace of the Governors vendors, and prohibit vehicular traffic, pedicab operations, walking tours, and bicycle tours from operating within this area; and
- 5) Designate cruise nights which will permit all four streets surrounding the Plaza to be open to vehicular traffic during the designated cruise nights.

**Departments Affected:**

Public Works Department, Parks and Open Space Department, Santa Fe Police Department, Parking Division, and Santa Fe Fire Department

**Consequences of Not Enacting Legislation:**

If this legislation is not adopted, the requirements contained in Resolution Nos. 2014-49 and 2016-80 would not be updated, and would remain status quo. Additionally, Palace Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, along Plaza Park, would not be close permanently to vehicles.

**Conflict, Duplication, Companionship, or Relationship to Other Legislation:**

This resolution is related to Resolution Nos. 2014-49, 2014-75, 2016-80

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**Performance and Administrative Implications:**

The Santa Fe Police Department would need to deliver and place Meridian Barriers at San Francisco Street at Don Gaspar Avenue and San Fransico Street at Old Santa Fe Trail. Parks and Open Space maintenance staff would need to place regulatory signage to notify motorists of the vehicular restrictions associated with the Plaza closure.

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**Fiscal Implications:**

Implementation of the closure of the Plaza to vehicular traffic would require the installation of traffic control measures and regulatory signage to ensure public safety, preserve pedestrian access, and maintain orderly use of the Plaza area. To effectively restrict vehicle access, Meridian Barriers would need to be installed at San Francisco Street at Don Gaspar Avenue and San Francisco Street at Old Santa Fe Trail. The Meridian Barriers would be delivered and installed by the Santa Fe Police Department at a cost of \$4,896, which would cover the labor of six officers for the installation. Permanent traffic signs would also need to be installed at all entrances to Palace Avenue between Lincoln Avenue and Washington Avenue to notify motorists of the vehicular restrictions. Additional signage would need to be installed to indicate prohibited commercial walking tours, bicycle tours, and pedicab operations within the designated loading and unloading zone. The cost of the regulatory and prohibitory signs would be \$200, and the cost for parks and open space maintenance staff to install would be \$200.

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**Fiscal Impact**

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**Expenditures**

<b>Expenditure Type</b>	<b>FYE 2027</b>	<b>FYE 2028</b>	<b>FYE 2029</b>	<b>Require BAR (Y/N)</b>	<b>Recurring (R) or Non-recurring (NR)</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>3-Year Total Cost</b>
<u>Personnel and Benefits*</u>	\$ 5096	\$ 5096	\$ 5096	No	Reoccurring	_____	
<u>Capital Outlay</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>Contractual/</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		_____	_____	
<u>Professional Services</u>							
<u>Operating</u>	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200		_____	_____	\$ 600
<u>Total:</u>	\$ 5296	\$ 5296	\$ 5296				\$ 15888
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**Expenditure Narrative:**

The estimated one-time implementation cost associated with the permanent Plaza closure is **\$5,296 per year**. These expenditures would be absorbed by existing City of Santa Fe departmental budgets unless otherwise appropriated by the Governing Body. The proposed traffic control and signage measures are intended to improve pedestrian safety, reduce operational conflicts, protect emergency access routes, and support the long-term management of the Plaza as a pedestrian-focused public space.

**Revenue**

<b>Revenue Type</b>	<b>FYE 2026</b>	<b>FYE 2027</b>	<b>FYE 2028</b>	<b>Recurring (R) or Non-recurring (NR)</b>	<b>Fund</b>
General Fund	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Special Revenue	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
CIP	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Enterprise	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Internal Service	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Trust and Agency	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Federal	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Other	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		

**Revenue Narrative:**

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