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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth

A RESOLUTION

RESTRICTING THE WEIGHT LIMIT ON THE CERRO GORDO BRIDGE NO. 8838 NOT TO EXCEED A GROSS WEIGHT LIMIT OF FIFTEEN (15) TONS UNTIL REPAIRS ARE MADE; DIRECTING INSTALLATION OF WEIGHT LIMITATION SIGNS IN ADVANCE OF THE BRIDGE AND NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION SENT TO THE NEW MEXICO MOTOR TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW; SPECIFYING THAT VIOLATION OF THE WEIGHT LIMIT IS A MISDEMEANOR, PUNISHABLE BY THE PENALTIES IN NMSA 1978, SECTION 66-8-7; AND DIRECTING NOTICE TO THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WHEN REPAIR COMPLETION AND FULL ACCESS TO THE BRIDGE IS RESTORED.

WHEREAS, On April 7, 2025, Rich Rotto, PE structural engineer with AECOM (“AECOM Engineer”), evaluated Cerro Gordo Bridge No. 8838, which spans the Santa Fe River and connects Upper Canyon Road with Cerro Gordo Road (“Bridge”); and

WHEREAS, the results of the evaluation indicate that the Bridge’s load bearing capability is deteriorating and reducing the traffic loading would increase the expected life of the Bridge; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the results of the structural evaluation led the AECOM Engineer to
2 recommend that the City reduce the permissible vehicle weight loads on the Bridge to fifteen (15)
3 tons; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the State Bridge Load Rating Engineer reviewed and confirmed the AECOM
5 Engineer’s determination in accordance with New Mexico Department of Transportation’s load
6 rating procedures; and

7 **WHEREAS**, alternate routes exist for vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of more than
8 fifteen (15) tons to access both Cerro Gordo Road and Upper Cayon Road; and

9 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 66-7-415, the Governing Body of the City
10 of Santa Fe (“City”) may restrict truck traffic upon the City’s public streets under certain
11 circumstances when the street is primarily residential, passes by educational or medical facilities,
12 or is not designed or constructed for heavy weight vehicles; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Bridge is primarily residential;

14 **WHEREAS**, consistent with the permitted criteria for limiting weight on public streets in
15 NMSA 1978, 66-7-415, the street is primarily residential;

16 **WHEREAS**, NMSA 1987, Section 66-7-415, provides that a resolution restricting traffic
17 shall be effective when “signs are erected and maintained and notice given in writing to the nearest
18 officer or employee of the New Mexico state police division of the department of public safety
19 authorized to issue special permits”.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
21 **CITY** that vehicles using the Bridge shall not exceed a gross weight limit of fifteen (15) tons until
22 repairs of the bridge are completed.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City shall complete a design and cost-estimate
24 for the repairs and shall develop a repair plan accordingly.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City shall forward a copy of this Resolution to

1 the New Mexico Motor Transportation Department, as required by state law.

2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City shall install weight limitation signs
3 appropriately and conspicuously in advance of both sides of the Bridge as well as in advance of the
4 Bridge at a location where large vehicles can turn around.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that violation of the weight limit imposed by this
6 Resolution shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by the penalties in NMSA 1978, Section 66-8-7.

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, once repairs are complete, the City shall notify the
8 New Mexico Department of Transportation that repairs have been completed, remove the weight
9 limitation signs, and restore full access to the Bridge.

10 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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14 ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

15 ATTEST:

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18 ANDRÉA SALAZAR, CITY CLERK

19 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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21 *Erin McSherry*
[Erin McSherry \(May 23, 2025 12:39 MDT\)](#)
22 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *Legislation/2025/Resolutions/Cerro Gordo Weight Limitation*