

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

4
5 Mayor Alan Webber

6 Councilor Jamie Cassutt

7 Councilor Alma Castro

8 Councilor Amanda Chavez

9 **RED – Amendment A – Councilor Michael Garcia**

10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **IDENTIFYING CITY PROPERTY AT 2395 RICHARDS AVENUE AS A LOCATION FOR**
12 **A MICRO COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE SHELTER AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR**
13 **INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN SANTA FE.**

14 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe (“City”) recognizes homelessness as a public priority
15 requiring coordinated and innovative shelter responses; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in April 2023, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2023-16, which
17 supported creating Safe Outdoor Spaces and directed the City Manager to pursue contracts for
18 shelter infrastructure, land, and operators to serve people for whom traditional shelter options are
19 not viable; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Safe Outdoor Spaces—also called “Micro Communities”—are comprised of
21 individual, non-congregate, secure, units, with access to restrooms, meals, laundry, case
22 management, and 24/7 supervision, designed to provide a safe and stable environment for persons
23 experiencing chronic homelessness; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the City’s “Point-in-Time Count” and daily outreach and emergency services
25 data confirm a persistent and visible population of unsheltered individuals in Santa Fe with complex

1 behavioral health, substance use, and trauma-related needs; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Micro Communities serve a crucial public health and public safety function
3 by reducing the spread of disease, decreasing emergency service calls, improving neighborhood
4 conditions, and reducing the number of people living unsheltered in parks, arroyos, and public
5 spaces; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the City conducted a site feasibility analysis through the Office of Affordable
7 Housing and evaluated city-owned parcels of land, with input from local homelessness and housing
8 services experts; and

9 **WHEREAS**, 2395 Richards Avenue is a City property located next to Fire Station 7 and
10 the Genoveva Chavez Community Center (“City Property”) that City staff and local experts
11 recommend as well suited for a Micro Community of up to fifty (50) units; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the City Property is suited for a Micro Community because it can house up
13 to fifty (50) units, is not abutting schools, daycare or playgrounds, is accessible to Emergency
14 Medical Service vehicles and trash pickup, and is approximately a third of a mile from the main
15 road, while still being located close to two City bus routes (numbers Four and Six); and

16 **WHEREAS**, the City has a contract with LifeLink for operating the Micro Community at
17 Christ Lutheran Church (“Operations Contract”), providing on-site services, 24-7 security,
18 supervision, and coordination with local agencies; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Operations Contract provides services supporting up to two Micro
20 Community locations; and

21 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2023-16, the City requires Good Neighbor
22 Agreements between the service operator and neighbors that includes terms about
23 cooperation, communication protocols, standards for tenancy, and dispute resolution; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Micro Community should be for family-use and, for this reason,
25 the Micro Community should be a drug-free zone; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body would like regular updates about the activities
2 at the Micro Community.

3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
4 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the City should establish a Micro Community on the City Property.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager and City Manager-designated City
6 staff may take all intermediate necessary steps required to establish a Micro Community on the
7 City Property, such as land use permitting, site preparation, and community engagement, and any
8 other administrative steps necessary to operate the City Property as a Micro Community.

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City shall prohibit alcohol or drugs, other than
10 medication prescribed by a physician, to be used or present at the Micro Community, making the
11 Micro Community a drug-free zone.

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager or City Manager designated City
13 staff shall provide the Governing Body a bi-annual update regarding the Micro Community that
14 may include information on services provided at the Micro Community, the numbers of residents
15 transitioned into permanent housing, and any challenges experienced in operations of the Micro
16 Community.

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that for the Micro Community to continue operations
18 after three (3) years, the Governing Body must reauthorize it.

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

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23 ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR
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25 ATTEST:

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ANDRÉA SALAZAR, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

Legislation/2025/Resolutions/Authorizing Establishment of a Micro-Community for People Experiencing Homelessness