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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Alan Webber

Councilor Jamie Cassutt

Councilor Alma Castro

Councilor Amanda Chavez

BLUE- Amendment B- Councilor Jamie Cassutt and Councilor Amanda Chavez

PURPLE- Amendment C- Councilor Jamie Cassutt and Councilor Amanda Chavez

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the City’s “Point-in-Time Count” and daily outreach and emergency services

1 data confirm a persistent and visible population of unsheltered individuals in Santa Fe with complex
2 behavioral health, substance use, and trauma-related needs; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body wishes the Micro Community on the City Property to

1 be for family use; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body wishes for the Micro Community on the City Property
3 to restrict open use of legal drugs and alcohol in common spaces, restrict displays of any kind of
4 intoxication in common spaces, and prohibit its residents from using or being under the influence
5 of illegal drugs in all spaces.

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
7 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the City should establish a Micro Community on the City Property **that**
8 **will prioritize and be tailored to the needs of families with children and youth.**

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mirco Community on the City Property will not
10 be a low-barrier community and it shall restrict open use of legal drugs and alcohol in common
11 spaces, restrict displays of intoxication in common spaces, and will prohibit residents from being
12 under the influence of illegal drugs in all spaces.

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

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

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21 ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR
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23 ATTEST:
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1 ANDRÉA SALAZAR, CITY CLERK

2 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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5 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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

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