

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

General Information:

(Check) Bill: \_\_\_\_\_ Resolution:  X

Short Title(s): Ballot question to provide five councilors to remove or suspend the city manager, city attorney, and/or city clerk

Sponsor(s): Councilors Pilar Faulkner and Amanda Chavez

Reviewing Department(s): City Attorney’s Office; City Clerk’s Office

Staff Completing FIR: Marci Eannarino; Legislation and Policy Innovation Manager

Date: 06/24/2025 Phone: 505-955-6518

Reviewed by City Attorney: *Erin McSherry* Date: 07/03/2025  
Erin McSherry (Jul 3, 2025 14:42 MDT)

Reviewed by Finance Director: *Emily K. Oster* Date: 07/03/2025

Summary:

The resolution proposes to submit a ballot question to the City of Santa Fe’s (“City”) voters during the November 4, 2025, regular local election. The ballot question would ask voters whether or not to amend Article VI, “Governing Body”, Section 6.02 of the City’s Charter (“Charter”) to give the governing body the authority to suspend or remove the city manager, city clerk, and/or city attorney by a vote of five councilors at a regularly scheduled meeting. Additionally, as a matter of technicality, should the voters approve the change to Article VI, Section 6.02, the amendment would also remove Section 8.04 from Article VIII, “City Manager” of the Charter because the language in this section would become duplicative.

Departments Affected:

Governing Body; City Manager; City Attorney; City Clerk

Consequences of Not Enacting Legislation:

If this legislation is not adopted, then the proposed ballot measure will not be added to the ballot for the general election on November 4, 2025.

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

None.

**Performance and Administrative Implications:**

This Resolution would require the City Clerk to present the ballot question to the Santa Fe County Clerk no later than August 26, 2025.

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**Fiscal Implications:**

None.

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**Fiscal Impact**

  X   Check here if no fiscal impact

**Expenditures**

<b>Expenditure Type</b>	<b>FYE 2025</b>	<b>FYE 2026</b>	<b>FYE 2027</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>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>Capital Outlay</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>Contractual/</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		_____	_____	
<u>Professional Services</u>							
<u>Operating</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		_____	_____	\$ _____
<u>Total:</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____				\$ _____

**Expenditure Narrative:**

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**Revenue**

<b>Revenue Type</b>	<b>FYE 2025</b>	<b>FYE 2026</b>	<b>FYE 2027</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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