



CITY OF SANTA FE

Memorandum

Date: September 11, 2025

To: Governing Body; Public Works and Utilities Committee; Quality of Life Committee; Finance Committee

From: Henri Hammond-Paul, Community Health and Safety Director

RE: Establishing a Micro Community in Every District

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The proposed resolution would require a Micro Community in every City of Santa Fe (“City”) Council district to provide shelter and supportive services for individuals experiencing homelessness in Santa Fe by January 1, 2027. Alternatively, in the event a Micro Community in each district is not possible, the resolution requires a presentation to the Governing Body, describing the reasons why a Micro Community in one or more Council districts is not possible and making related recommendations.

BACKGROUND:

On April 26, 2023, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2023-16, which established the “Safe Outdoor Spaces” as an alternative sheltering model for those experiencing homelessness and for whom standard shelter options are not feasible. Safe Outdoor Spaces provides private, non-congregate sleeping quarters, access to bathrooms and showers, laundry facilities, meals, and connections to services, including access to case managers and services providers. A Safe Outdoor space provides a regular place to return, a comfortable, climate-controlled place to sleep, a secure place for storing belongings, agency and ownership, community support, and enables outreach workers and case managers to know where to find the people they are assisting.

In December of 2023, the Governing Body approved a pilot agreement between the City and Christ Lutheran Church and Life Link to establish a Micro Community in City Council District 2. The City approved developing a second Micro Community through Resolution No. 2025-38 at 2395 Richards Avenue, located next to Fire Station 7 and the Genoveva Chavez Community Center in City Council District 4. To date, the Governing Body has not approved Micro Communities in Council districts 1 or 3.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Fiscal Impact Report