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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S) TO RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__
A Micro Community in Each District

Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This amendment WILL change the caption. ___

This amendment WILL NOT change the caption. ___X___

I intend to propose amending Resolution No. 2025-__ as follows:

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Alan Webber

Councilor Pilar Faulkner

Councilor Jamie Cassutt

AMENDMENT A – BLUE – Councilor Jamie Cassutt

A RESOLUTION

REQUIRING A “MICRO COMMUNITY” IN EVERY CITY OF SANTA FE COUNCIL DISTRICT BY JANUARY 1, 2027, OR, IF THAT TIMELINE IS NOT MET, A PRESENTATION EXPLAINING THE BARRIERS TO MEETING THE TIMELINE AND RECOMMENDING HOW AND WHEN THE GOAL OF A MICRO COMMUNITY IN

1 **EVERY DISTRICT CAN BE ACHIEVED.**

2 **WHEREAS**, the City’s “Point-in-Time Count” and daily outreach and emergency services
3 data confirm a persistent and visible population of unsheltered individuals in Santa Fe with complex
4 behavioral health, substance use, and trauma-related needs; and

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

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

11 **WHEREAS**, the City has a history of supporting Micro Communities as a model to serve
12 a crucial public health and public safety function by reducing the spread of disease, decreasing
13 emergency service calls, improving neighborhood conditions, and reducing the number of people
14 living unsheltered in parks, arroyos and public spaces; and

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

19 **WHEREAS**, in December of 2023, the Governing Body approved a pilot agreement
20 between the City and Christ Lutheran Church and Life Link to provide housing to unsheltered
21 individuals, establishing the first Safe Outdoor Space in Santa Fe in City Council District 2; and

22 **WHEREAS**, through Resolution No. 2025-38, the City approved developing a second
23 Micro Community at 2395 Richards Avenue located next to Fire Station 7 and the Genoveva
24 Chavez Community Center in City Council District 4; and

25 **WHEREAS**, equitable access to shelter and services across all districts is essential to

1 ensure that all residents of Santa Fe are treated with dignity and have opportunities to access support
2 close to where they live; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the geographical character of the city council districts varies with respect to
4 geographic size, density, and use, and it is important to space the Micro Communities apart from
5 one another; and

6 **WHEREAS**, choosing Micro Communities sites that are scattered throughout Santa Fe is
7 a best practice, allowing Micro Community residents to integrate into the larger community while
8 receiving ongoing support and stability; and

9 **WHEREAS**, responding to the challenges of homelessness requires a city-wide,
10 community-wide response with all parts of Santa Fe participating and contributing, with ample
11 community engagement and transparent planning; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the City wishes to establish a Micro Community in each city council district
13 such that each Micro Community is geographically spaced apart from one another to ensure
14 citywide access to safe shelter and supportive services.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
16 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the City shall establish a Micro Community in every city council
17 district by January 1, 2027.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Micro Community sites will not be concentrated
19 in a single geographic location, even if those sites are technically in different city council districts,
20 and the City will prioritize identifying sites for Micro Communities in areas of the community that
21 are not currently providing any homelessness services.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if a Micro Community is not established in every
23 city council district, the City Manager or designee shall present to the Governing Body the reasons
24 why it has not happened and make further recommendations as to how and when can be established
25 at the earliest possible date.

1 Amendment approved as to form:

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Erin McSherry

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4 Erin K. McSherry, City Attorney

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12 ANDRÉA SALAZAR, City Clerk

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