

# Legislative Requests

Supporting development of more housing across the continuum of needs, with a focus on affordable and attainable housing							
	Short Title	Type	Sponsor	Institutional v. Governing Body Request	Department	Date of Request	Issue Being Addressed
1	Clarifying Requirements for SFHP Rental Units	Bill	no sponsor	Governing Body Request		4/25/2023	technical bill- clarification of the equation in code
2	Modifying the Existing Base Fee Amount for the Santa Fe Homes Program	Bill	M. Garcia	Governing Body Request	Affordable Housing	12/4/2023	addresses the need to increase the base fee amount incurred by developers when paying a fee instead of developing affordable housing units.
3	Amending Fair Housing Ordinance to Include Retaliation	Bill	Cassutt Castro	Governing Body Request		5/12/2023	
4	City Enforcement of Its Fair Housing Act	Resolution	no sponsor (Webber)	Governing Body Request		7/28/2023	Enforce the City's existing Fair Housing Act and calling for improvements to administration
5	Pallet Shelters at Municipal Court for Veterans	Resolution	Faulkner Chavez	Governing Body Request	Community Health and Safety	6/2/2025	Addresses pallet shelter placement. Resolution calling for the placement of a pallet shelter for veterans at the municipal courthouse property.
6	Study on Housing Development on Northwest Quadrant	Resolution	Castro Faulkner M. Garcia	Governing Body Request	Public Works Land Use	8/27/2025	Showing the will of the governing body to using city land to address the housing crisis
7	Support of Rent Control	Resolution	Castro	Governing Body Request		10/20/2025	a resolution that will show the support of the governing body for an end to the ban on rent control at the state level

**Invest in improving City systems and infrastructure to ensure efficient and effective use of City resources**

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1	Rescinding Resolutions of Various Advisory Committees	Resolution	no sponsor	Governing Body Request	City Clerk	no record	
2	Repealing Ordinances for City Committees	Bill	no sponsor	Governing Body Request	City Clerk	no record	
3	Records Management and Retention Policy	Bill	M. Garcia	Institutional	City Clerk	10/25/2022	Adopting a new records information management and retention policy
4	Adoption of Advisory Committee Procedural Rules	Resolution	Cassutt	Governing Body Request	City Attorney's Office City Clerk	1/11/2023	Adopt procedural rules for advisory committees that complement the procedural rules adopted for Governing Body and Standing Committees
5	Revision of ENN System	Bill	Cassutt	Governing Body Request	Land Use	6/7/2023	Creating a better process to address some of the issues
6	Updating the Land Use Appeal Process	Bill	M. Garcia	Governing Body Request	Land Use	6/19/2023	
7	Ordinance Creating Office of Inspector General	Bill	M. Garcia Lee Garcia	Governing Body Request		8/28/2023	Creation an independent inspector general office
8	Internal Audit Process Improvements	Bill	no sponsor (Romero-Wirth)		Finance	9/11/2024	Clarifying the internal audit process
9	Amending Rules and Procedures for City Committees	Bill	Castro	Governing Body Request	City Clerk	4/23/2025	Creating a more standardized structure for city committees
11	City-County Cost Sharing	Resolution	Cassutt Feghali	Governing Body Request	Finance City Manager	1/16/2026	County sharing cost of City services that also serve county residents
12	Updates Related to Grants, Budget, and Contracts	Bill	M. Garcia	Institutional	Finance	1/28/2026	Updating ordinances related to grants and budget thresholds
13	Historic Review Board Under Purview of the Planning Commission	Bill	Faulkner Chavez L. Garcia	Governing Body Request	Land Use	2/13/2026	Putting the Historic Review Board back under the purview of the Planning Commission
14	Update Governing Body Procedural Rules	Resolution	Castro Cassutt Feghali	Governing Body Request	City Clerk	2/25/2026	

Work to reduce crime and increase public safety							
	Short Title	Type	Sponsor	Institutional v. Governing Body Request	Department	Date of Request	Issue Being Addressed
1	Defining Aggressive Driving	Bill	Faulkner Chavez	Governing Body Request	Public Safety	7/8/2024	Defining, criminalizing, and penalizing aggressive driving and increasing penalties for violations related to aggressive driving
2	Non-Emergency Website to Report Non-Emergent Crimes	Resolution	Faulkner L. Garcia	Governing Body Request	Public Safety	8/26/2024	Improve access for the public for non-emergency crimes as well as help gather dated for non-emergent crimes
3	Creation of a Code Enforcement Office	Resolution	Faulkner L. Garcia Chavez	Governing Body Request	SFPD, SFFD, Community Health and Safety	9/30/2024	
4	Address the Discrepancies in the Speed Camera Ordinance	Bill	Faulkner	Governing Body Request	Police	1/13/2025	Fixes discrepancies which are prohibiting the drafting and posting of the RFP needed to identify
5	Identifying Epicenters of Crime and Creating Safe Zones for Effective Policing	Bill	L. Garcia Chavez	Governing Body Request	Police, Fire, CHS Departments	3/26/2025	
6	Increasing availability of Narcan at certain city facilities and buses	Resolution	Bustamante Faulkner Castro	Governing Body Request	Fire Transit Recreation Library	2/19/2026	The possibility of overdoses on city property

Miscellaneous Request							
	Short Title	Type	Sponsor	Institutional v. Governing Body Request	Department	Date of Request	Issue Being Addressed
1	Authorizing Staff to Review Plaza and Park Events	Resolution	Cassutt	Institutional	Public Works	5/23/2022	SFCC 1987, Section 23-5, states that the GB shall by resolution, authorize either a committee or city staff to receive, review and approve or deny requests for any function of a commercial or noncommercial use on the Plaza or Plaza Park.
2	Adopting Fees for Plaza Events	Resolution	Cassutt	Institutional	Public Works	5/22/2022	Section 23-5.2(k) States that "Fees for the major commercial events shall be established by the governing body by adoption of a resolution. Fees shall not be waived." This resolution will be adopting/updating fees.
3	Procedures, Requirements, and Restrictions for Use of the Plaza	Resolution & Bill	Cassutt	Institutional	Public Works	7/13/2022	23-5.2(H) Requires that applicants for use of the Plaza or Plaza Park shall follow and be subject to the procedures, requirements and restrictions adopted by the governing body.
4	Vehicle Vendor Changes	Bill	Cassutt	Governing Body Request	Public Works	10/26/2022	
7	Creating the Municipal Tree Board	Resolution	no sponsor (Webber)	Governing Body Request	Public Works	12/14/2022	
8	Resolution Supporting Santa Fe Fire shed Resiliency Strategy	Resolution	no sponsor (Webber)	Governing Body Request		4/5/2023	
11	Hearing Officers for Land Use Appeals	Resolution	no sponsor (Webber)	Governing Body Request	Land Use	2/8/2024	In conjunction with a bill on the same topic, this legislation will amend the Land Use Appeal process adopted by Resolution 2011-24 to provide for appointed hearing officers to hold evidentiary hearings when land use board decisions are appealed. The Planning Commission and Governing Body would still have final authority, but they would review a record and Hearing Officer report and approve the recommendations rather than holding a de novo hearing.
12	Hearing Officers for Land Use Appeals	Bill	no sponsor (Webber)	Governing Body Request	Land Use	2/8/2024	This legislation would update the code to remove the "de novo" appeal process and replace it with a hearing officer and record review for at least appeals to the Governing Body, if not appeals to all land use boards as well.
13	Amending Campaign Finance Code	Bill	Castro	Institutional & Governing Body Request	City Clerk	4/8/2024	This legislation will update the funding amounts that candidates for city council and mayor receive when they meet the necessary qualifications for public financed campaigns.
14	Create a Human Rights Commission	Bill	no sponsor (Lindell)	Governing Body Request	Economic Development City Manager	4/29/2024	Promotes Equality and Fairness: A Human Rights Commission would ensure Santa Fe residents have a dedicated resource to address discrimination based on race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, and other protected characteristics. This fosters a more just and inclusive community for all. Strengthens Community Relations: The commission can serve as a bridge between diverse populations, facilitating communication and understanding. This reduces tensions and promotes a sense of belonging for everyone in Santa Fe. Protects Santa Fe's Reputation: A Human Rights Commission sends a strong message that Santa Fe values human dignity and welcomes everyone. This can attract new residents, businesses, and investment, bolstering the city's economic and social vibrancy.
15	Short Term Rental Ordinance	Bill	Cassutt Feghali	Governing Body Request	Land Use Tourism Economic Development	7/16/2024	

16	Rental Housing Registry	Bill	Castro	Governing Body Request	Land Use	7/27/2024	Creating a registry and minimum standards for any rental in Santa Fe. This will take a permitting and registry process.
17	Human Services Committee	Resolution	Castro	Institutional	Community Services	8/6/2024	Supporting the creation of an internal office to address homelessness and housing
18	Designate the Plaza on the Municipal Register	Resolution	M. Garcia	Governing Body Request	Land Use Tourism Economic Development	9/24/2024	The City currently does not have a historic municipal status designation for the Plaza on the municipal registry
19	Waiving Associated Fees for El Grito Annual Celebration	Bill	Castro	Institutional		10/9/2024	This bill is in support of "El Grito", an annual celebration of Mexican Independence Day on September 16, every year; and waiving all associated fees with the organizations or vendors involved
20	Renaming Marker for Japanese Internment	Resolution	Castro	Governing Body Request	Public Works	10/10/2024	
22	Amending Chapter 2 to Ensure Consistency Between City Charter and Chapter 2	Bill	Castro	Institutional	City Attorney's Office Clerks Office	10/18/2024	
23	Regulating Manufactured Housing	Bill	no sponsor (Romero-Wirth)	Governing Body Request	Land Use	11/20/2024	Aesthetics of manufactured homes in the neighborhoods where they are placed. Local governments under state law are allowed to regulate under this section. NMSA 1978, § 3-21A-3, "Manufactured housing; permissible regulations
24	Regulating the Placement of Building Permits	Bill	no sponsor (Romero-Wirth)	Governing Body Request	Land Use	11/20/2024	Currently there don't seem to be consequences for improper placement of building permits. I would like to explore what other cities do in this area and how we might make improvements.
25	Building Codes and Santa Fe Green Code Updates	Bill	Cassutt Chavez	Governing Body Request	Land Use	2/24/2025	Updates Building Codes to align with New Mexico adopted codes and updates the Santa Fe Green Building Code to remain stricter than State Code requirements.
26	Giving Voting Power to Public Safety Committee	Bill	Chavez Faulkner	Governing Body Request	All Public Safety Departments	3/26/2025	Allowing a committee made up of community members voting power on policy/legislation around public safety
27	Alcohol Parity for Spirits and Beer/Wine	Bill	no sponsor (Lindell)	Governing Body Request	Clerk's Office	4/2/2025	This legislation would regulate spirits the same as beer and wine in Section 23-6.2, which governs the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages on City Property.
28	Requiring that an ADU be the Same Architectural Style as the Principal Dwelling Unit	Bill	no sponsor (Romero-Wirth)	Governing Body Request	Land Use	4/9/2025	

30	Amending Pest Management Ordinance	Bill	no sponsor (Lindell)	Institutional	Public Works	5/21/2025	New policy and procedures for selection and use of pesticides and herbicides
32	Updating Uniform Traffic Ordinance to Incorporate "Idaho Stop Law"	Bill	M. Garcia	Governing Body Request	Public Works	6/13/2025	In the 2025 New Mexico legislative session, Sente Bill 73 (SB73), Required Bicycle Stops for Safety was passed. This new law is an effort to improve the safety of the growing population of New Mexican bicycle riders.
33	Public Official Address Confidentiality	Resolution	no sponsor (Romero-Wirth)	Governing Body Request	City Attorney's Office	6/17/2025	Model after Senate Bill 180 from 2023. Now state law
34	New Section 18-20 Massage Facility License	Bill	no sponsor (Romero-Wirth Webber)	Institutional	Land Use	6/18/2026	The purpose and intent of this legislation is to regulate and protect legitimate massage therapy businesses and to safeguard and promote public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Santa Fe. Illicit massage therapy businesses have proliferated throughout the city over the last several years and threaten the reputation and success of legitimate massage therapy businesses. Illicit massage facility operators mask their unlawful sexual activities, human trafficking and money laundering by falsely posing as massage therapy businesses. Legislation is needed to target these illicit operators, close them down and prevent them from obtaining a business license.
35	Ensuring Civic Assembly Process is Considered for Community Issues	Resolution	Castro	Governing Body Request		7/3/2025	
36	Adopting Santa Fe Street Design Guide	Bill	M. Garcia	Governing Body Request	Public Works	8/4/2025	To adopt the City of Santa Fe Street Design Guide to modernize the City's street design standards to align with local values and nationally recognized best practices in multimodal transportation planning and context-sensitive design. This ordinance formally adopts the City of Santa Fe Street Design Guide as the City's official reference for the design of public and private streets, and amends Chapter 14 accordingly to ensure consistency, safety, and livability in street development and reconstruction.
37	Impact Fee Capital Improvements Plan 2026-2032	Resolution	no sponsor (Webber)	Institutional	Public Works	9/15/2025	Legislation addresses a five-year update of the Impact Fee Capital Improvements Plan, in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 5-8-1 through 43
38	Travel Approval Delegation	Resolution	no sponsor (Webber)	Institutional	Finance	11/4/2025	Current state law requires certain travel-related approvals - such as travel advances, international travel, and lodging exceeding standard limits - to be authorized by the Governing Body. This creates administrative delays, added costs, and unnecessary agenda items for routine travel requests. The proposed resolution addresses this inefficiency by delegating approval authority to the City Manager or designee, allowing travel to be processed promptly while maintaining compliance with the State Travel and Per Diem Act and applicable regulations.
40	Approving of Ground Lease	Bill	M. Garcia Faulkner	Institutional	MRA	2/4/2026	Ground Lease and Development Agreement (GLDA) for the Midtown Arts and Design Alliance, as a result of an RFP and ENA calling for the improvement of the city-owned Visual Arts Center to improve and operate an arts alliance on the Midtown Campus
41	Installation of Banners at Midtown	Resolution	Cassutt Chavez	Institutional	MRA	2/11/2026	A Governing Body resolution is required to permit banners including appropriate dates, locations, quantity, installation, maintenance, and cost allocation. The MRA has 10,000 allocated to install and maintain banners across the Midtown Campus in an effort to welcome our new tenants/ members of the public with the opening of Tender Fire Kitchen, The Screen, and the New Mexico Innovation Hub in Benildus Hall
42	DSB-FY26-HHPD-01 McClure Dam Authorizing Representatives and Agents	Resolution	Chavez	Institutional	Public Utilities	2/16/2026	This Resolution designates authorized representatives and agents for a grant agreement with the State of New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (OSE) regarding Grant Agreement DSB-FY26-HHPD-01 ("Grant Agreement"). The Grant Agreement makes available one million three hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred seventy-nine dollars and zero cents (\$1,354,479.00) for a project to plan and design the rehabilitation of McClure Dam in Santa Fe County.
43	Annexation of Area 1B	Resolution	Castro Feghali	Governing Body Request	Land Use	2/16/2026	
44	Updates to SFCC 6-4	Bill	Castro Bustamante Feghali	Institutional	Affordable Housing	2/27/2026	