

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Alan Webber

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 EVERY DISTRICT CAN BE ACHIEVED.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe (“City”) recognizes homelessness as a public priority requiring coordinated and innovative shelter responses; 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 hour-a-day, 7 day-a-week, supervision, designed to provide a safe and stable environment for persons experiencing chronic homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City has a history of supporting Micro Communities as a model to serve

1 a crucial public health and public safety function by reducing the spread of disease, decreasing
2 emergency service calls, improving neighborhood conditions, and reducing the number of people
3 living unsheltered in parks, arroyos and public spaces; and

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

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

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

14 **WHEREAS**, equitable access to shelter and services across all districts is essential to
15 ensure that all residents of Santa Fe are treated with dignity and have opportunities to access support
16 close to where they live; and

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

20 **WHEREAS**, the City wishes to establish a Micro Community in each city council district
21 to ensure citywide access to safe shelter and supportive services.

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

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if a Micro Community is not established in every

1 City council district, the City Manager or designee shall present to the Governing Body the reasons
2 why it has not happened and make further recommendations as to how and when Micro
3 Communities can be established at the earliest possible date.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager or designee shall develop an
5 implementation plan that recognizes and credits districts that have one or more Micro Communities
6 and otherwise identifies potential locations, budget estimates, and projected timelines for
7 establishing a Micro Community in districts without a Micro Community.

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

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13 ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR
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15 ATTEST:

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18 ANDRÉA SALAZAR, CITY CLERK

19 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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25 *Legislation/2025/Resolutions/Establishing a Micro Community in Every District*