

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-20**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Mayor Javier M. Gonzales

6 Councilor Mike Harris

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **ESTABLISHING A BLUE RIBBON AGE-FRIENDLY COMMISSION TO EVALUATE**  
12 **OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AGE-**  
13 **FRIENDLY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES, AND EVALUATE OPPORTUNITIES TO**  
14 **IMPROVE ACCESS TO AND AFFORDABILITY OF THE EIGHT DOMAINS OF**  
15 **COMMUNITY LIFE.**

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17 **WHEREAS**, the population of people aged 65 and over in the City of Santa Fe is  
18 expected to grow from 16,000 in 2017 to almost 30,000 by 2030; and

19 **WHEREAS**, research shows that older Americans overwhelmingly want to remain in  
20 their homes and communities as they age; and

21 **WHEREAS**, access to quality health care and long-term services and supports is  
22 essential for individuals to live in their homes and communities; and

23 **WHEREAS**, of the 80 percent of adults 65 and older living in metropolitan areas, 64  
24 percent live outside the principal cities of these areas in suburban locations that tend to be auto-  
25 dependent, creating challenges for residents who do not drive; and

1           **WHEREAS**, 21 percent of adults age 65 and older do not drive, and more than half of  
2 these non-drivers do not leave home on a given day, in part because they lack transportation  
3 options; and

4           **WHEREAS**, reduced mobility for older non-drivers leads to 15 percent fewer trips to the  
5 doctor, 59 percent fewer shopping trips and visits to restaurants, and 65 percent fewer trips for  
6 social, family and religious activities; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization (WHO) has developed a Global Network of  
8 Age-Friendly Cities and Communities to encourage and promote public policies to increase the  
9 number of cities and communities that support healthy ageing and thereby improve the health,  
10 well-being, satisfaction, and quality of life for older Americans; and

11           **WHEREAS**, active ageing is a life-long process, whereby an age-friendly community is  
12 not just “elder-friendly” but also intended to be friendly for all ages; and

13           **WHEREAS**, the WHO has noted that “[m]aking cities and communities age  
14 -friendly is one of the most effective policy approaches for responding to demographic ageing,”  
15 and

16           **WHEREAS**, the WHO has developed eight domains of community life that influence the  
17 health and quality of life of older people:

18           1.       Outdoor spaces and buildings– accessibility to and availability of clean, safe  
19 community centers, parks, and other recreational facilities;

20           2.       Transportation– safe and affordable modes of private and public transportation,  
21 “Complete Streets” types of initiatives, hospitable built environments;

22           3.       Housing– wide range of housing options for older residents, ageing in place and  
23 other home modification programs, housing that is accessible to transportation and community  
24 and health services;

25           4.       Social participation – access to leisure and cultural activities;     opportunities

1 for older residents to participate in social and civic engagement with their peers and younger  
2 people;

3           5.       Respect and social inclusion – programs to support and promote ethnic and  
4 cultural diversity, programs to encourage multigenerational interaction and dialogue, programs to  
5 combat loneliness and isolation among older residents;

6           6.       Civic participation and employment – promotion of paid work and volunteer  
7 opportunities for older residents; opportunities for older residents to engage in formulation of  
8 policies relevant to their lives;

9           7.       Communication and information – promotion of and access to the use of  
10 technology to keep older residents connected to their community and friends and family, both  
11 near and far; and

12           8.       Community support and health services – access to homecare services, clinics,  
13 programs to promote active ageing (physical exercise and healthy habits); and

14           **WHEREAS**, the WHO recognizes that cities and communities have different needs,  
15 resources, and varying capacities to engage their resources to take action to facilitate active  
16 ageing;

17           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
18 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body hereby establishes a Blue Ribbon Age-Friendly  
19 Commission to evaluate opportunities to engage in the WHO Age-Friendly Cities and  
20 Communities.

21           **Section 1.       NAME:** The commission shall be called the Blue Ribbon Age-Friendly  
22 Commission.

23           **Section 2.       PURPOSE:** The primary function of the Commission shall be to  
24 evaluate opportunities to improve access to and affordability of the eight domains of community  
25 life as developed by the WHO:

- 1           A.     Outdoor spaces and buildings;
- 2           B.     Transportation;
- 3           C.     Housing;
- 4           D.     Social participation;
- 5           E.     Respect and social inclusion;
- 6           F.     Civic participation and employment;
- 7           G.     Communication and information; and
- 8           H.     Community support and health services.

9           **Section 3.     DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** The commission shall establish  
10 priorities in its operation that work towards the following goals, as defined by the WHO, as it  
11 relates to the eight domains of community life.

12           **Section 4.     MEMBERSHIP; OFFICERS:**

13           A.     *Membership.* The commission shall be comprised of nine (9) members appointed  
14 by the mayor with the advice and consent of the Governing Body. Members should have  
15 expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- 16                   1.     Urban development
- 17                   2.     Transportation
- 18                   3.     Housing
- 19                   4.     Social justice
- 20                   5.     Healthcare

21           At least seventy-five percent of the members must reside within the municipal boundaries  
22 of the city of Santa Fe. At least one member of the commission shall be at least 65 years old.

23           B.     *Officers.* The chair shall be appointed by the mayor; the vice-chair shall be  
24 elected by the members of the commission.

25           **Section 5.     TERMS:** Of the initial appointments, five (5) members shall be

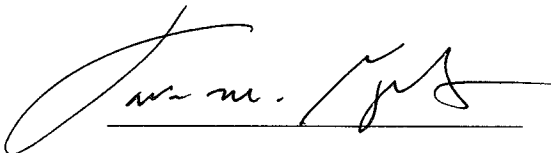
1 appointed to one (1) year terms, and the remaining four (4) members shall be appointed to two (2)  
2 year terms. Subsequent terms shall be for two years to maintain staggering of terms. Members  
3 may serve a maximum of three full terms. After three consecutive unexcused absences, a  
4 commission member shall be automatically remove and notified thereof by the chairperson.

5 **Section 6. VACANCIES:** Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled in the same  
6 manner as initial appointments and shall be for the remainder for the unexpired term. Serving the  
7 remainder of the unexpired term does not affect the term limits as set forth in Section 5 above.  
8 Any member of the Commission may be removed by the mayor with the approval of the  
9 Governing Boy, with or without cause.

10 **Section 7. MEETINGS:** A quorum shall be at least five members. The  
11 Commission shall meet quarterly as determined by the chair, in consultation with the staff liaison.

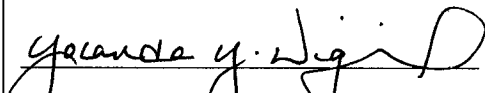
12 **Section 8. STAFF LIAISON:** The city manager shall appoint a staff liaison to  
13 serve as the city's representative to the Commission.

14 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

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18 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

19 ATTEST:

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22 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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4 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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