

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-37**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Peter N. Ives

6 Councilor Signe I. Lindell

7 Councilor Renee D. Villarreal

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **SUPPORTING THE REDUCTION IN THE USE OF PLASTIC DRINKING STRAWS IN**
12 **THE CITY OF SANTA FE AND ENCOURAGING LOCAL BUSINESSES TO PROVIDE**
13 **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS TO REDUCE STRAW WASTE.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, it is estimated that in the United States the average person uses 1.6 straws
16 per day, which results in 500 million plastic straws thrown out daily; and

17 **WHEREAS**, plastic straws are not compostable or biodegradable, but instead
18 photodegrade into smaller pieces which are then ingested by land and sea animals and can
19 eventually make their way into our food chain and clean water supply; and

20 **WHEREAS**, alternatives to plastic straws, such as those made out of paper, decompose
21 within 45-60 days; and

22 **WHEREAS**, a recent online poll of Santa Fe residents conducted by a student at the
23 Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) for the student's senior project found that nearly 85% of
24 residents would like to see the City of Santa Fe ban plastic drinking straws; and

25 **WHEREAS**, in the same poll, nearly 95% believe that plastic straws are harmful to the

1 environment; and


2 **WHEREAS**, several local business have already pledged that their establishments will be
3 plastic straw-free by the end of 2018; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in September, 2017 the Strawless in Seattle campaign received a pledge
5 from the City of Seattle that by July, 2018 Seattle will become the largest metropolitan city to ban
6 single-use plastic straws; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Strawless in Seattle is an offshoot of Strawless Ocean, a global campaign to
8 reduce and eventually eliminate single-use plastic straws.

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
10 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body hereby supports the reduction in the use of
11 plastic straws in the City of Santa Fe and encourages local businesses to provide alternative
12 options to single-use plastic straws to reduce plastic straw waste in the City.

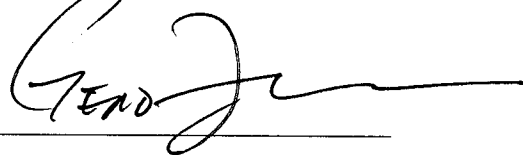
13 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of May, 2018.

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16 ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR

17 ATTEST:

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20 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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24 GENO ZAMORA, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

25 *M/Legislation/Resolutions 2018/2018- 37 Single-Use Plastic Straws*