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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S) TO RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__
Seasonally Closing the Plaza to Vehicular Traffic

Mayor and Members of the City Council:
In relation to Resolution No. 2026-__.

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I intend to propose the following amendment(s),

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Patrica Feghali

Councilor Alma Castro

Amendment A – RED -- Councilors Castro, Faulkner, Garcia, and Cassutt

A RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO COORDINATE WITH THE APPROPRIATE
CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES, COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND STAFF TO
AMENDING ~~ING~~ RESOLUTION NOS. 2014-49 AND 2016-80 TO CLOSE THE STREETS**

1 SURROUNDING PLAZA PARK ANNUALLY FROM MEMORIAL DAY TO OCTOBER
2 31ST OR LATER, ~~AND~~ TO CLOSE LINCOLN AVENUE AND PALACE AVENUE, NEXT
3 TO PLAZA PARK, PERMANENTLY, TO DESIGNATE A MINIMUM OF SIX
4 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT PARKING SPACES, TO ASSESS THE
5 FEASIBILITY OF DESIGNATING A “DROP-OFF/PICK-UP” AREA, AND SPECIFYING
6 THAT THE CLOSURES WILL BEGIN ON MEMORIAL DAY IN 2027.

7 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Plaza (“Plaza”) has been the commercial, social, and political
8 center of Santa Fe since 1610; and

9 WHEREAS, the Plaza is a destination for many visitors interested in Santa Fe history and
10 culture; and

11 WHEREAS, SFCC 1987, Section 23-5 regulates the use of the Plaza, Plaza Park and
12 Plaza periphery; and

13 WHEREAS, SFCC 1987, Section 23-5.1 (S), (T), and (W) defines the Plaza and the Plaza
14 Park area as follows:

15 *Plaza* means that inclusive area bounded on the north by the north curblineline of
16 Palace Avenue running in front of the Palace of the Governors, and on all other sides by
17 the facades of the buildings, excluding portals, or property lines lying to the east, south and
18 west of the Plaza Park as outlined in the map prepared by the city, labeled "Plaza Park
19 Map."

20 *Plaza Park* means that inclusive area bounded by the inside back of the curb
21 surrounding the Plaza as outlined in the map prepared by the city, labeled "Plaza Park
22 Map."

23 WHEREAS, the Plaza belongs to all of Santa Fe and is home to many annual events that
24 draw residents and visitors to the Plaza and creates social connections, economic development, and
25 funding for community non-profits, including but not limited to the eight major events authorized

1 by SFCC 1987, Section 23-5.2(A)(1)(a-h); and

2 **WHEREAS**, many cities are reducing vehicular traffic as a way to preserve and protect
3 historic areas as well as enhance pedestrian safety; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the City has limited vehicular access to the streets around the Plaza Park over
5 the years by closing Palace Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, and Old Santa Fe trail for various reasons
6 and as described in Resolution Nos. 2014-49, 2014-75, and 2016-80; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the City already often closes San Francisco Street during the summer months
8 due to events, and closing San Francisco Street seasonally would lead to more predictability for
9 drivers and pedestrians; and

10 **WHEREAS**, specifically, Resolution No. 2014-49 notes that as a result of a 2003 safety
11 recommendation from the “Plaza Task Force,” that “Palace Avenue in front of the Palace of the
12 Governors was closed to vehicular traffic with the exception of loading and unloading and
13 emergency vehicle access”, and then the resolution goes on to authorize a “[c]ontinuation of the
14 closure of Palace Avenue”; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 2016-80 amended Resolution No. 2014-75 to extend the
16 established time period for vehicular traffic restriction around Plaza Park on Lincoln Avenue and
17 Old Santa Fe Trail to Memorial Day through October 31 “or such later date determined by the city
18 manager...; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Lincoln Avenue has not reopened to vehicles after the summer closure for
20 several years, to the benefit of pedestrians and visitors to the Plaza; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 2020-24 established a framework for evaluating the
22 temporary closure of streets to vehicular traffic during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, which only
23 applied to the year 2020 and is no longer relevant; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to create continued enhancement of pedestrian safety and
25 enjoyment of the Plaza area, the Governing Body wishes to further reduce vehicular traffic on the

1 plaza.

2 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
3 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the streets around Plaza Park shall be closed to vehicular traffic, except
4 for bicycles and other human-powered, non-electric devices, from Memorial Day to October 31 or
5 such later date determined by the city manager, annually.

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager shall ~~direct~~ coordinate appropriate
7 City advisory committees (including groups such as the Public Safety Committee and the Mayor's
8 Committee on Disability), community groups, and staff to take the appropriate steps to effectuate
9 the following actions:

- 10 1) Amend Resolution 2014-49 to remove the "continuation" of the closure of
11 Palace Avenue along Plaza Park and establish that, with the exception of
12 loading and unloading, it shall remain closed to vehicular traffic permanently;
13 and
- 14 2) Amend Resolution 2016-80 to establish that Lincoln Avenue along Plaza Park
15 shall remain closed to vehicular traffic permanently; and
- 16 3) Amend Resolution 2016-80 to establish that the restriction of vehicular traffic
17 around Plaza Park, including San Francisco Street, shall occur annually from
18 Memorial Day to October 31st or such later date determined by the city
19 manager; and
- 20 4) Designate Palace Avenue between Lincoln Avenue and Washington Avenue
21 exclusively as a loading and unloading zone for Plaza vendors and Palace of
22 the Governors vendors, and prohibit vehicular traffic, pedicab operations,
23 walking tours, and bicycle tours from operating within this area; and
- 24 5) ~~Designate cruise nights which will permit all four streets surrounding the Plaza~~
25 ~~to be open to vehicular traffic during the designated cruise nights; and~~

1 Designate a minimum of six Americans with Disabilities (“ADA”) parking
2 spaces within 100 feet of the Plaza; and

3 6) Assess the feasibility of designating a “drop-off/pick-up” area that is
4 accessible for ADA purposes; and

5 7) Identify dates on which through-traffic will be permitted, which shall include
6 weekends whenever possible, and, no later than April 1st, 2027 and by April
7 1st every year thereafter, the City shall publicize these dates.

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all closures are consistent with all SFCC 1987
9 requirements for obstructions and loading zones as well as with adopted International Fire Code
10 regulations.

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the closures of the streets surrounding Plaza Park
12 will begin on Memorial Day in 2027.

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15 Respectfully submitted,

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17 Alma Castro (Jul 27, 2026 16:35:58 MDT)

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DATE: _____

ATTEST:

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7 *Legislation/2026/Resolutions/Seasonally Closing the Plaza to Vehicular Traffic*

Amendment A - Adding cruise nights and ADA (Castro, Faulkner, L, Garcia, Cassutt)

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