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

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 C – GREEN – Councilor Jamie Cassutt

A RESOLUTION
AMENDING RESOLUTION NOS. 2014-49 AND 2016-80 TO CLOSE THE STREETS
SURROUNDING PLAZA PARK ANNUALLY FROM MEMORIAL DAY TO OCTOBER

1 **31ST OR THE DAY AFTER THE DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION ON THE**
2 **PLAZA, WHICHEVER COMES LATER, AND TO CLOSE LINCOLN AVENUE AND**
3 **PALACE AVENUE, NEXT TO PLAZA PARK, PERMANENTLY.**

4 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Plaza ("Plaza") has been the commercial, social, and political
5 center of Santa Fe since 1610; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Plaza is a destination for many visitors interested in Santa Fe history and
7 culture; and

8 **WHEREAS**, SFCC 1987, Section 23-5 regulates the use of the Plaza, Plaza Park and
9 Plaza periphery; and

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

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

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

20 **WHEREAS**, the Plaza belongs to all of Santa Fe and is home to many annual events that
21 draw residents and visitors to the Plaza and creates social connections, economic development, and
22 funding for community non-profits, including but not limited to the eight major events authorized
23 by SFCC 1987, Section 23-5.2(A)(1)(a-h); and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to create continued enhancement of pedestrian safety and
22 enjoyment of the Plaza area, the Governing Body wishes to further reduce vehicular traffic on the
23 plaza.

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
25 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the streets around Plaza Park shall be closed to vehicular traffic, except

1 for bicycles and other human-powered, non-electric devices, from Memorial Day to October 31 or
2 the day after the Dia de los Muertos celebration on the Plaza, whichever comes later, or such later
3 date determined by the city manager, annually.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager shall direct appropriate staff to
5 take the appropriate steps to effectuate the following actions:

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

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22 Respectfully submitted,

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25 JAMIE CASSUTT, COUNCILOR

1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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3 Marcos Martinez
4 Marcos Martinez (Jul 27, 2026 16:38:50 MDT)

MARCOS D. MARTÍNEZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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