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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S) TO RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__
Children’s Fishing Derby

Mayor and Members of the City Council:
In relation to Resolution No. 2026-__.
This amendment WILL change the caption. ____
This amendment WILL NOT change the caption. __X__
I intend to propose the following amendment(s),

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__
INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Michael Garcia
Councilor Paul Bustamante

RED – Cassutt – Amendment A
A RESOLUTION
SUSPENDING THE ANNUAL FISHING DERBY IN SANTA FE RIVER; APPROVING A
CHILDREN’S FISHING DERBY EVENT ON CITY PROPERTY IN NICHOLS

1 **RESERVOIR ON SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2026; AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER**
2 **AND DESIGNATED CITY STAFF TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ORGANIZE**
3 **THE EVENT.**

4 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe (“City”) has, in the past, hosted an annual Fishing Derby;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, the annual Fishing Derby is a City tradition which brings community
7 together; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Fishing Derby may provide education to the public, and especially
9 children, about the City’s water supply; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 2008-111 combined the annual River Festival and the Fishing
11 Derby in order to promote greater awareness of the river, to celebrate the Santa Fe River and its
12 historic and present roles in the community, to promote the diversity of cultures, to bring together
13 different segments of the community, and to provide entertainment and fun for families; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 2012-28 adopted the “City of Santa Fe Administrative
15 Procedures for City of Santa Fe River Target Flows” (“Administrative Procedures”), and
16 Resolution No. 2012-52 amended “No. 5 of the Administrative Procedures to specify that in a year
17 where the “watershed yield is less than 50%, or, if for other climactic or hydrologic reasons, daily
18 target flows adequate for the Fishing Derby cannot be met, the date of the Fishing Derby may be
19 changed or the Fishing Derby will be suspended”; and

20 **WHEREAS**, consistent with Rule No. 5 of the Administrative Procedures, drought
21 conditions this year in Santa Fe create conditions under which the specified target flows will not
22 be met and the annual Fishing Derby in the Santa Fe River would therefore be suspended until such
23 time that the appropriate flows can be met; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the City wishes to hold a fishing derby event for children, and the ongoing
25 drought conditions in Santa Fe are such that the annual Fishing Derby’s status is unclear as it relates

1 to the specified requirements of Rule No. 5; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 2026-17 specifies that limited fishing events on City-owned
3 property in the Santa Fe Municipal Watershed may be approved by the Governing Body and
4 Ordinance No. 2026-17 would make it possible to hold a “Children’s Fishing Derby” event in the
5 Nichols Reservoir (“the Reservoir”); and

6 **WHEREAS**, a fishing derby may take place in the Reservoir if New Mexico Game and
7 Fish stocks the Reservoir with fish; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the City is committed to protecting the Santa Fe Watershed and as such, the
9 Governing Body wishes the event to be conducted with the care that such a commitment would
10 require; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on January 27th of 2016, the City passed Resolution No. 2016-12 designating
12 the Greater Santa Fe Fire Shed, which includes the Santa Watershed, as an area in need of fire risk
13 awareness and mitigation, and the City, soon after, became part of the Greater Santa Fe Fireshed
14 Coalition (“Fireshed Coalition”), which is dedicated to collaborative work to protect the Santa Fe
15 River Watershed; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the City wishes for the protection and educational goals of the Children’s
17 Fishing Derby event to be aligned with the Fire shed Coalition’s goals, consistent with maintaining
18 proper fire risk awareness in the Greater Fire shed.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
20 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that due to the current drought conditions in Santa Fe, and consistent with
21 the requirements established in the Administrative Procedures, Rule No. 5, the annual Fishing
22 Derby in the Santa Fe River shall be suspended for the year of 2026.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that consistent with Ordinance No. 2026-17, the
24 Governing Body approves a Children’s Fishing Derby event on September 26th, 2026, on City
25 property at the Nichols Reservoir.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED and that the City Manager and designated staff, working in collaboration with the appropriate partners of the Fire shed Coalition and other impacted community organizations, shall take the necessary steps to organize the Children’s Fishing Derby event with the following specifications:

- 1) The event shall be limited to 150 children, each accompanied by an adult; and
- 2) The participants in the event shall access the Reservoir by City bus only; and
- 3) The City Manager and designated staff take all necessary precautions to protect the Santa Fe Watershed and the City's water supply in all aspects of the event planning; and
- 4) Based on indices published by the national weather service and any other relevant information supplied by the United States Forest Service, the City manager may, in consultation with the Fire Chief and Emergency Manager cancel the event, should they determine fire risk threatens the safety of the Santa Fe Watershed and/or public safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager or a designee of the City Manager shall determine all other details necessary to organize the Children's Fishing Derby, including working with New Mexico Game and Fish to stock the Reservoir with fish.

Respectfully submitted,


 Jamie Cassutt (Aug 26, 2026 17:12:28 MDT)
 JAMIE CASSUTT, COUNCILOR

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MARCOS D. MARTÍNEZ, CITY ATTORNEY

ADOPTED: _____

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GERALYN F. CARDENAS, CITY CLERK

Cassutt - Amendment A (In-Context)

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