CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-___

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Ron Trujillo

A RESOLUTION

RELATING TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO; DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SANTA FE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY ("SFSWMA") FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCEPTING A WAIVER OF GREEN TIPPING FEES ASSOCIATED WITH WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE THINNING TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE CITY OF SANTA FE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe Fire Department is applying for a Collaborative Forest Restoration Program ("CFRP") grant from the United States Forest Service that would fund a substantial forest thinning project in and around Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, the CFRP grant is a four-year grant with a possible one-year extension; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the grant award, the Fire Department expects to extract approximately 20 tons of green waste per week for approximately 30 weeks per year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe Environmental Services Division will transport the green waste to SFSWMA to chip; and

WHEREAS, the current fee for green waste that is charged by SFSWMA is $20.00 per ton, plus tax; and

WHEREAS, SFSWMA is willing to waive the green tipping fess for the thinning waste; and

WHEREAS, the green waste generated from the wildland urban interface thinning should not exceed 600 tons per year; and

WHEREAS, the urban interface thinning project will benefit all residents of Santa Fe County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Santa Fe, New Mexico, the Governing Body hereby directs staff to enter into an agreement with SFSWMA to accept the waiver of green waste tipping fees through the duration of the CFRP wildland urban interface thinning project that will be conducted by the City of Santa Fe Fire Department.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2012.

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ATTEST: DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY

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