

1 **WHEREAS**, a *Charter* review commission may review and recommend to the Governing
2 Body the adoption of proposed *Charter* amendments the ballot for approval by the electorate of the
3 city of Santa Fe; and

4 **WHEREAS**, a *Charter* amendment question should be presented to the electorate of the city
5 of Santa Fe as to whether or not councilors who are elected in a non-mayoral election year and decide
6 to run for mayor, during their term as a councilor, should resign their seat as a councilor, whether or
7 not they are elected mayor; and

8 **WHEREAS**, under the *Charter*, councilors elected in a mayoral election year may run for
9 mayor, however, if not elected as mayor will lose their seat on the council which is unfair because the
10 councilors elected in a non-mayoral election year retain their seat as councilor if they lose the
11 mayoral election; and

12 **WHEREAS**, another *Charter* amendment question should be presented to the electorate of
13 the city of Santa Fe as to whether or not term limits should be set for elected officials; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Article X, Section 2 of the New Mexico Constitution has set term limits for
15 county commissioners; and

16 **WHEREAS**, currently, the New Mexico Constitution and the *Charter* allow elected officials
17 of the City of Santa Fe to serve unlimited terms of office; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body recognizes that an amendment to the New Mexico
19 Constitution is necessary in order for the *Charter* to mandate term limits; and

20 **WHEREAS**, since the *Charter* is only amended on occasion, placing a term limits question
21 on the ballot for approval, with the proviso that term limits would be effective only when the New
22 Mexico Constitution is amended, will allow term limits to take effect upon such occurrence; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body recognizes the impact of quality leadership on the
24 Governing Body and is appreciative of the many who serve and have served in the past, however,
25 there are many highly competent and qualified individuals who reside within the municipal corporate

1 limits of the city of Santa Fe who should be given the opportunity to run for elected office; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the most expeditious way to deal with and obtain public comment on proposed
3 *Charter* amendment questions is to convene a *Charter* review commission.

4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
5 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that a *Charter* review commission is established.

6 **Section 1. NAME:** The commission shall be called the *Charter* Review Commission
7 (“Commission”).

8 **Section 2. PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Commission shall be to review the *Charter*
9 and make recommendations to the governing body regarding proposed amendments.

10 **Section 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Commission shall review the
11 *Charter* for possible amendments as well as review proposed amendments introduced by members of
12 the governing body and the public. The Commission shall complete this review and prepare a report
13 including the Commission’s recommendations regarding proposed *Charter* amendments by
14 November 14, 2012. The Commission shall present the report to the governing body at the council
15 meeting in December 2012. After receiving the report, the governing body may adopt resolutions
16 regarding proposed amendments to the charter for inclusion on the municipal election ballot.

17 **Section 4. MEMBERSHIP; OFFICERS; TERM:** The Commission’s membership
18 shall consist of nine members. Members shall be residents of the city of Santa Fe. Each member of
19 the governing body shall appoint one member to the commission. The mayor’s appointee shall be the
20 chairperson. The chairperson shall appoint a vice-chair person. The members shall serve until they
21 complete their duties and responsibilities as set forth above. Failure to attend three consecutive regular
22 meetings or failure to attend 33 percent or more of the regular meetings in a 12 month period shall
23 constitute an automatic tender of resignation by such member, which the governing body may accept
24 or reject in its discretion.

25 **Section 5. VACANCIES:** Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled in the same

1 manner as initial appointments. Members shall serve without compensation.

2 **Section 6. MEETINGS; DURATION; QUORUM:** The Commission shall meet in
3 public, at least once per month and shall conduct all meetings in accordance with the Open Meetings
4 Act and adopted city policy and procedures. A quorum shall be at least five members.

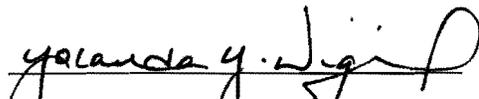
5 **Section 7. STAFF LIAISON:** The City Attorney's Office shall serve as staff liaison to
6 the commission.

7 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 25th day of April, 2012.

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10 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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15 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

16 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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19 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY