

City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Resolution No. 2015-____ Governing Body Meeting Limit

SPONSOR(S): Councilor Bushee

SUMMARY: The proposed resolution amends the *Governing Body Procedural Rules* to remove the provision allowing the governing body to suspend the rules and continue a regular or special council meeting beyond 12:00 a.m.

PREPARED BY: Rebecca Seligman, Legislative Liaison Assistant

FISCAL IMPACT: No

DATE: July 23, 2015

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution
FIR

1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-__

3 INTRODUCED BY:

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5 Councilor Patti J. Bushee

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10 A RESOLUTION

11 AMENDING THE *GOVERNING BODY PROCEDURAL RULES* TO REMOVE THE
12 PROVISION ALLOWING THE GOVERNING BODY TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND
13 CONTINUE A REGULAR OR SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING BEYOND 12:00 A.M.

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15 WHEREAS, in recent meetings, public comments and city council debate has stretched
16 into the early hours of the morning; and

17 WHEREAS, it is a disservice to the public to have city council meetings that have
18 significant impact on residents lives extend late into the night; and

19 WHEREAS, decisions made after hours of testimony and debate may not always be
20 made in the best interests of the residents of the City of Santa Fe; and

21 WHEREAS, many residents work full-time, and spend time away from family to
22 participate in the democratic process; and

23 WHEREAS, current *Governing Body Procedural Rules* allow the council members to
24 suspend the rules requiring items not heard prior to 11:30pm be considered at a later date by a
25 majority vote of the members; and

1 **WHEREAS**, current *Governing Body Procedural Rules* stipulate that the evening session
2 of a City Council meeting shall be adjourned no later than 12:00 a.m.

3 **WHEREAS**, there is a desire by the Governing Body and the public to ensure that
4 council meetings are run in a more efficient, judicious, and expeditious manner that provides the
5 public with the best form of democracy available.

6 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
7 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that Section III of the *Governing Body Procedural Rules* is hereby
8 amended to read:

9 Regular City Council meetings are comprised of two sessions each and are held in the
10 Council Chambers on the second and last Wednesday of each month. The afternoon
11 session begins at 5:00 p.m. The evening session begins at 7:00 p.m. and shall be
12 adjourned not later than 12:00 a.m. In the event that any agenda items have not been
13 addressed, the meeting shall be reconvened at 7:00 p.m. the following day, and shall be
14 adjourned not later than 12:00 a.m. Agenda items not considered prior to 11:30 p.m. shall
15 be considered when the meeting is reconvened, or postponed to a subsequent meeting.

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17 Special meetings of the Governing Body may be called pursuant to the *Santa Fe City*
18 *Code*.

19 **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2015.

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22 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

23 ATTEST:
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1 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

2 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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5 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *Legislation/Resolutions 2015/Governing Body Meeting Limit*

City of Santa Fe Fiscal Impact Report (FIR)

This Fiscal Impact Report (FIR) shall be completed for each proposed bill or resolution as to its direct impact upon the City's operating budget and is intended for use by any of the standing committees of and the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe. Bills or resolutions with no fiscal impact still require a completed FIR. Bills or resolutions with a fiscal impact must be reviewed by the Finance Committee. Bills or resolutions without a fiscal impact generally do not require review by the Finance Committee unless the subject of the bill or resolution is financial in nature.

Section A. General Information

(Check) Bill: _____ Resolution: X

(A single FIR may be used for related bills and/or resolutions)

Short Title(s): **A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE GOVERNING BODY PROCEDURAL RULES TO REMOVE THE PROVISION ALLOWING THE GOVERNING BODY TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND CONTINUE A REGULAR OR SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING BEYOND 12:00 A.M.**

Sponsor(s): Councilor Bushee

Reviewing Department(s): City Attorney's Office

Persons Completing FIR: Rebecca Seligman Date: 7/23/15 Phone: 955-6561

Reviewed by City Attorney: *Jelly A Brunner* Date: 7/24/15
(Signature)

Reviewed by Finance Director: *[Signature]* Date: 7-30-2015
(Signature)

Section B. Summary

Briefly explain the purpose and major provisions of the bill/resolution:

The proposed resolution amending the Governing Body Procedural Rules to remove the provision allowing the governing body to snspend the rules and continne a regular or special council meeting beyond 12:00 a.m.

Section C. Fiscal Impact

Note: Financial information on this FIR does not directly translate into a City of Santa Fe budget increase. For a budget increase, the following are required:

- a. The item must be on the agenda at the Finance Committee and City Council as a "Request for Approval of a City of Santa Fe Budget Increase" with a definitive funding source (could be same item and same time as bill/resolution)
- b. Detailed budget information must be attached as to fund, business units, and line item, amounts, and explanations (similar to annual requests for budget)
- c. Detailed personnel forms must be attached as to range, salary, and benefit allocation and signed by Human Resource Department for each new position(s) requested (prorated for period to be employed by fiscal year)*

1. Projected Expenditures:

- a. Indicate Fiscal Year(s) affected – usually current fiscal year and following fiscal year (i.e., FY 03/04 and FY 04/05)
- b. Indicate: "A" if current budget and level of staffing will absorb the costs
"N" if new, additional, or increased budget or staffing will be required
- c. Indicate: "R" – if recurring annual costs
"NR" if one-time, non-recurring costs, such as start-up, contract or equipment costs
- d. Attach additional projection schedules if two years does not adequately project revenue and cost patterns
- e. Costs may be netted or shown as an offset if some cost savings are projected (explain in Section 3 Narrative)

Finance Director: _____

X Check here if no fiscal impact

Column #:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Expenditure Classification	FY _____	"A" Costs Absorbed or "N" New Budget Required	"R" Costs Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	FY _____	"A" Costs Absorbed or "N" New Budget Required	"R" Costs – Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	Fund Affected

Personnel*	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fringe**	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital Outlay	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Land/ Building	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Professional Services	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
All Other Operating Costs	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total:	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

* Any indication that additional staffing would be required must be reviewed and approved in advance by the City Manager by attached memo before release of FIR to committees. **For fringe benefits contact the Finance Dept.

2. Revenue Sources:

- a. To indicate new revenues and/or
- b. Required for costs for which new expenditure budget is proposed above in item 1.

Column #:	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Type of Revenue	FY _____	"R" Costs Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	FY _____	"R" Costs – Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	Fund Affected

_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
Total:	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____

3. Expenditure/Revenue Narrative:

Explain revenue source(s). Include revenue calculations, grant(s) available, anticipated date of receipt of revenues/grants, etc. Explain expenditures, grant match(s), justify personnel increase(s), detail capital and operating uses, etc. (Attach supplemental page, if necessary.)

N/A

Section D. General Narrative

1. Conflicts: Does this proposed bill/resolution duplicate/conflict with/companion to/relate to any City code, approved ordinance or resolution, other adopted policies or proposed legislation? Include details of city adopted laws/ordinance/resolutions and dates. Summarize the relationships, conflicts or overlaps.

None staff is aware of

2. Consequences of Not Enacting This Bill/Resolution:

Are there consequences of not enacting this bill/resolution? If so, describe.

The governing body would not support amending the *Governing Body Procedural Rules* to remove the provision allowing the governing body to suspend the rules and continue a regular or special council meeting beyond 12:00 a.m.

3. Technical Issues:

Are there incorrect citations of law, drafting errors or other problems? Are there any amendments that should be considered? Are there any other alternatives which should be considered? If so, describe.

None staff is aware

4. Community Impact:

Briefly describe the major positive or negative effects the Bill/Resolution might have on the community including, but not limited to, businesses, neighborhoods, families, children and youth, social service providers and other institutions such as schools, churches, etc.

If the *Governing Body Procedural Rules* are not amended, meetings could potentially last much longer causing fatigue for all involved.

Form adopted: 01/12/05; revised 8/24/05; revised 4/17/08