1	CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
2	RESOLUTION NO. 2015-28
3	INTRODUCED BY:
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5	Councilor Peter Ives
6	Councilor Patti Bushee
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10	A RESOLUTION
11	DIRECTING STAFF TO WORK WITH THE SANTA FE AREA HOME BUILDERS
12	ASSOCIATION TO INCORPORATE THE WATER EFFICIENCY RATING SYSTEM
13	("WERS") INTO THE RESIDENTIAL GREEN BUILDING CODE AND RELATED
14	ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES.
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16	WHEREAS, Subsection 7-4.2 SFCC 1987 created the City of Santa Fe Residential Green
17	Building Code ("RGBC"); and
18	WHEREAS, included in the RGBC is the Home Energy Rating Systems ("HERS") which
19	calculates a number whose main reference point is 100 – the lower the number, the more energy
20	efficient the home; and
21	WHEREAS, the Water Efficiency Rating Score ("WERS"), created by the Green Building
22	Coalition in cooperation with Build Green New Mexico, Santa Fe Home Builders Association and
23	members of the City of Santa Fe Water Conservation Commission is a software-based program that
24	measures how efficiently a home uses water in a similar manner as the HERS measures energy use;
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WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe recognizes that the changing climate will result in
increasing pressures on our water supply due to extended droughts and increased risk of wildfire in
the watersheds where our surface water comes from; and
WHEREAS, the City's Water Division is preparing a long range water supply plan that
anticipates increased pressures on our future water supplies; and
WHEREAS, water conservation is a strategy to relieve anticipated pressures on our water
systems; and
WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to amend the RGBC administrative procedures to
include the WERS for new and existing homes in an effort to conserve water resources.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE that staff is directed to work with the Santa Fe Area Home Builders
Association to incorporate the water efficiency rating system ("WERS") into the residential green
building code and related administrative procedures.
PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 25th day of March, 2015.
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ATTEST: JAVIER M. GONZALES
YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK
APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY
M/Legislation/Resolutions 2015/2015-28 Water Efficiency Rating System (WERS)