

1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 BILL NO. 2015-18

3 INTRODUCED BY:

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5 Councilor Ronald Trujillo

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10 AN ORDINANCE

11 AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1.3 OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE UNIFORM TRAFFIC
12 ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING BODY TO MAKE SPEED LIMIT
13 ALTERATIONS IN THE CITY OF SANTA FE THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF A
14 RESOLUTION.

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16 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE:

17 Section 1. Section 12-6-1.3 of the City of Santa Fe Uniform Traffic Ordinance
18 (being Ord. #2011-4) is amended to read:

19 12-6-1.3 ESTABLISHMENT OF SPEED ZONES.

20 A. Whenever the ~~[administrator]~~ governing body determines, upon the basis of an
21 engineering survey and traffic investigation, that any speed limit permitted under state law or local
22 ordinance is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist upon any
23 part of a street within ~~[his]~~ their jurisdiction, ~~[he]~~ the governing body may declare a speed limit
24 alteration for that part which is effective at times determined, through the adoption of a resolution.
25 The public safety committee and public works committee shall review and make a recommendation

1 to the governing body on whether or not to alter the speed limit through the adoption of the
2 resolution. The governing body has the final authority to alter the speed limit. After the adoption of
3 the resolution, [when] appropriate signs giving notice thereof [are] shall be erected at the particular
4 part of the street.

5 B. Alteration of speed limits on state highways by the [administrator] governing body are
6 not effective until approved by the state highway commission. (66-7-303 NMSA 1978)

7 C. The [administrator] governing body shall adhere to and abide by all applicable state
8 statutes in making his determination of speed limits in the municipality.

9 D. Whenever the [administrator] governing body declares a speed limit, [he] the
10 administrator shall submit a schedule of the speed limit to the police department, the municipal judge,
11 the municipal clerk and the municipal attorney. (*)

12 E. Speed zones may be marked by a sign containing a flashing yellow light and, when
13 the light is in operation, the speed limit, instructions or regulations on the sign are in effect.

14 F. The provisions of Subsection A of this section shall not apply to changes of speed
15 limit in construction zones authorized pursuant to 12-6-1.3 G through K of this section.

16 G. When construction, repair or reconstruction of any street or highway is being done,
17 the administrator or other governmental authority with jurisdiction over that street or highway is
18 authorized to designate as a construction zone that portion of the street or highway where
19 construction, reconstruction or repair is being done and to close the construction zone to traffic or to
20 provide for a single lane of traffic on any two-lane or four-lane highway in the construction zone.
21 (66-7-303.1 NMSA 1978)

22 H. The administrator or other governmental authority closing all or a portion of a street or
23 highway or providing for a single lane of traffic on any two-lane or four-lane street or highway
24 pursuant to Subsection G of this section shall erect or cause to be erected traffic-control devices or
25 barricades to warn and notify the public of any change in speed limit and that such street or highway

1 is closed or limited to a single lane of traffic. (66-7-303.1 NMSA 1978)

2 I. Every pedestrian or person who operates a vehicle on any street or highway shall
3 obey all signs, signals, markings, flagmen or other traffic-control devices which are placed to
4 regulate, control and guide traffic through a construction zone.

5 J. No person shall remove, change, modify, deface or alter any traffic-control device or
6 barricade which has been erected on any street or highway pursuant to this section.

7 K. Any person who violates any provision of Subsection I or J of this section is guilty of
8 a petty misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be sentenced in accordance with this code.
9 (66-7-303.1 NMSA 1978)

10 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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13 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY