

1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-47

3 INTRODUCED BY:

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8 A RESOLUTION

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10 DIRECTING STAFF TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A SINGLE STREAM
11 AUTOMATED RECYCLING COLLECTION PROGRAM AIMED AT MAKING THE
12 RECYCLING SYSTEM USER FRIENDLY, INCREASING THE TYPE OF MATERIALS
13 ACCEPTED; INCREASING PARTICIPATION AND INCREASING THE OVERALL
14 RATE OF DIVERSION.
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17 WHEREAS, currently the City provides service to over 29,500 residential households;
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19 WHEREAS, according to the comprehensive Solid Waste Assessment and Management
20 Study, current rate of participation in the residential curbside recycling program is fifty six
21 percent (56%); and

22 WHEREAS, recycling customers are currently directed to separate their recycling into
23 two separate categories: (1) glass; (2) mixed paper, aluminum, tin, plastic bottles and cardboard;
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25 WHEREAS, single stream recycling would reduce sorting by residents, bundling of

1 paper products and bundling of cardboard products which could mean that more recyclables will
2 be placed at the curb and more residents would be willing to participate in the recycling program;
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4 **WHEREAS**, single stream recycling will require the exclusion of glass collection from
5 the automated system; and

6 **WHEREAS**, increasing the recycling diversion rate will require a different approach
7 including stronger outreach and education program, making the program more user friendly, and
8 increasing the type of recyclable materials acceptable; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive Solid Waste Assessment and Management study
10 recommended the City of Santa Fe transition to automated single stream recycling with the
11 possibility of increasing participation rate by 20 – 40 percent, and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency (Agency), our current
13 processor, is restricted to adding additional recyclable materials within the current program based
14 on the size of the facility and funding needed to make such improvements of current material
15 recovery facility ; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Agency is soliciting bids for a third party processor that will accept
17 additional materials including: plastics #1 - #7 excluding Styrofoam and plastic bags; other rigid
18 plastic toys, recycling bins, buckets; paper board/chipboard; pots and pans; small appliances; and
19 small electronics; and

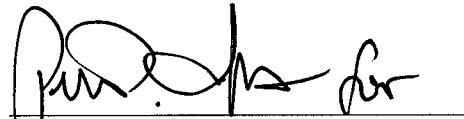
20 **WHEREAS**, the current trend within municipal government entities is to move toward
21 automated single stream recycling and most have seen significant increases in participation rates.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
23 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Environmental Services Division is directed to develop and
24 implement an automated single stream collection program, provide options for glass recycling,
25 and provide a schedule for implementation strategies. Furthermore, staff shall develop the

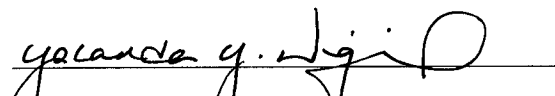
1 implementation schedule that shall include all necessary ordinance amendments (SFCC Chapter
2 XXI); including definitions; and conditions of service. The implementation plan shall include an
3 analysis for implementation of a Pay as You Throw residential refuse rate structure.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Environmental Services Division will conduct
5 a minimum of two public meetings preparing for the implementation of the automated single-
6 stream recycling program. These meetings will include members of the Solid Waste Advisory
7 Committee of the Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency. Implementation date for
8 automated single-stream recycling shall be no later than July 1, 2016.

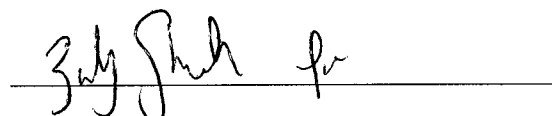
9 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of May, 2015.

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12 JAVIER GONZALES, MAYOR

13 ATTEST:

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17 YOLANDA VIGIL, CITY CLERK

18 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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21 KELLEY BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY