

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-80**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Signe Lindell

6 Councilor Peter Ives

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **DIRECTING STAFF TO RESEARCH OPTIONS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS TO**  
12 **INITIATE COLLECTIONS OF DELINQUENT FEES AND PAYMENTS FOR**  
13 **SERVICES RENDERED.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe continues to suffer the effects of the 2008 recession,  
16 with growth levels below the national average; and

17 **WHEREAS**, every year the City must make difficult decisions on budgetary funding,  
18 resulting in many projects and programs not receiving the funding they truly need; and

19 **WHEREAS**, gross receipts taxes provide an unstable source of revenue for City  
20 operations that are heavily dependent on the health of the local economy; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body wishes to ensure that the City has adequate funding to  
22 provide first-class services to the residents of the City of Santa Fe, without imposing an additional  
23 financial burden on taxpayers; and

24 **WHEREAS**, several City departments and divisions, including the Fire Department and  
25 Water Division, have monies due to them that have remained outstanding for many years; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Fire Department bills an annual average of \$4 million for the  
2 emergency services it provides, yet only collects \$2 million annually as a result of not referring  
3 delinquent accounts to a collection agency; and

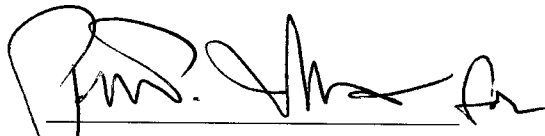
4           **WHEREAS**, the Water Division of the Public Utilities Department has delinquent bills  
5 of over \$6.5 million, much of which is uncollectable and will have to be written off; and

6           **WHEREAS**, many City of Santa Fe departments do not have policies in place to collect  
7 delinquent unpaid bills; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe and its residents would benefit from ensuring all  
9 residents are treated equally by ensuring that all unpaid bills and fees are collected.

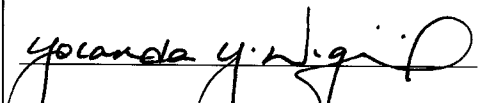
10           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
11 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that staff is directed to research and report to the Governing Body within  
12 60 days of the adoption of this resolution, the options for City departments to initiate collections  
13 of delinquent fees and payments for services rendered.

14           PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

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17 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

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20 ATTEST:

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23 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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4 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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