

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-38**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Joseph M. Maestas

6 Councilor Signe I. Lindell

7 Councilor Carmichael A. Dominguez

8 Councilor Renee D. Villarreal

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **EXPRESSING THE GOVERNING BODY'S RESPECTFUL REQUEST TO THE SANTA**
12 **FE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR A DELAY IN ACTION ON THEIR PROPOSED**
13 **COUNTY-WIDE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX INCREASE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF**
14 **THE PLANNED JOINT CITY COUNCIL/COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING ON**
15 **JUNE 15, 2017 TO FULLY ADDRESS THE ISSUE.**

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17 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe County Commission is currently considering enacting a local
18 option gross receipts taxes (GRT) throughout Santa Fe County, including inside the Santa Fe city
19 limits, to primarily fund public safety and behavioral health facilities and services; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Commission is considering raising GRT by 1/16, 1/12 or 1/8 of one
21 percent, which would generate an estimated \$2.3 million, \$3 million or \$4.6 million, respectively;
22 and

23 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County currently has an overall GRT rate of 7%; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe currently has an overall GRT rate of 8.3125%; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County is authorized by state statute to raise GRT by up to 3/8 of

1 one percent to offset the reduction in hold harmless payments distributed by the state; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County enacted a 1/8 of one percent GRT increase in 2015 and
3 has the authority to increase GRT by an additional 2/8 percent; and

4 **WHEREAS**, a GRT increase of 1/8 of one percent is equal to an additional tax of 12.5
5 cents on a \$100 purchase; and

6 **WHEREAS**, a GRT increase of 1/8 of one percent within the city limits would raise the
7 overall rate to 8.4375%, one of the highest overall rates among cities in New Mexico; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe recognizes and respects the
9 authority and sovereignty of Santa Fe County; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the governing bodies of the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County have
11 held joint meetings over the past several years; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe County Commission requested a joint meeting with the Santa
13 Fe City Council by letter dated March 27, 2017 that has been scheduled for Thursday, June 15,
14 2017; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of these joint meetings are to "...build upon individual
16 strengths and maximize regional efforts for the benefit of the greater community"; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the objectives of these joint meetings are to serve as a "regular facet of the
18 intergovernmental relationship between the City and County" and that the "...respective
19 governing bodies...collaborate in areas of mutual interest or concern..."

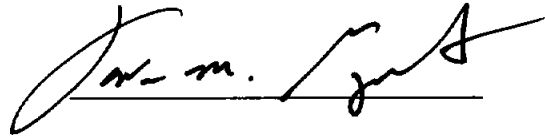
20 **WHEREAS**, the agenda for the June 15, 2017 joint meeting has not been set; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in order to fully achieve the purpose and objectives of these joint meetings,
22 it would benefit the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County to place the proposed Santa Fe County
23 GRT increase on the June 15 meeting agenda.

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
25 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body respectfully requests that the Santa Fe County

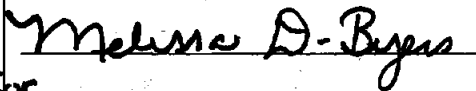
1 Commission delay action on the proposed county-wide tax increase pending the outcome of the
2 joint City Council/County Commission meeting on June 15, 2017 to fully address the issue.

3 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 22st day of May, 2017.

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6 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

7 ATTEST:

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10 ~~for~~ YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

11 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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14 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY