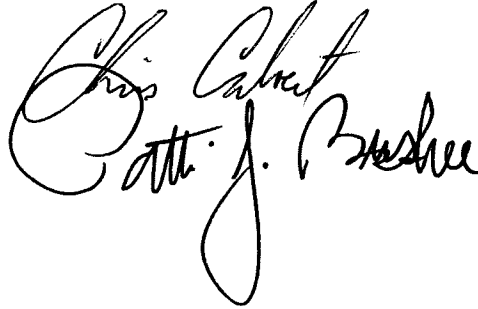


1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2007-98

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10 A RESOLUTION

11 DIRECTING STAFF TO STUDY THE EXISTING HIGH DENSITY ZONING IN
12 EXISTING NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE CUMULATIVE IMPACTS OF THE
13 CHANGES IN THE CITY'S LAND USE LAWS AND PREPARE A REPORT AND
14 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GOVERNING BODY'S CONSIDERATION.

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16 WHEREAS, the city's general plan adopted in 1999 sets forth themes related to infill,
17 affordable housing and neighborhood preservation including: actively participate in the creation of
18 affordable housing; maintain and respect Santa Fe's unique personality, sense of place, and
19 character; and promote a compact urban form and encourage sensitive/compatible infill
20 development; and

21 WHEREAS, some of the city's residential neighborhoods are zoned with allowable
22 residential densities much higher than the neighborhoods were originally designed and built for; and

23 WHEREAS, numerous code changes were made in recent years to promote infill and
24 affordable housing including: rounding up for permitted density; decrease in minimum lot sizes;
25 decreases in minimum setbacks; increases in maximum lot coverage; and increase in maximum

1 accessory dwelling unit size; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the high density zoning districts coupled with the cumulative impact of these
3 various code changes may have allowed inappropriate infill development with possibly irreversible
4 negative impacts, including but not limited to traffic, lack of open space, and change of character,
5 upon existing residential neighborhoods without necessarily a decrease in housing prices or
6 lessening of urban sprawl.

7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
8 **CITY OF SANTA FE** directing the department of affordable housing and community development
9 with assistance from the land use department to:

- 10 (1) study the current high density zoning in existing neighborhoods along with the
- 11 cumulative impacts of past changes in the city's land use laws; and
- 12 (2) prepare a report to the Governing Body, within 90 days of the adoption of this
- 13 resolution, with recommendations for the Governing Body's consideration on
- 14 what, if any, changes in zoning districts or land use laws should be made in
- 15 order to best address infill development.

16 **PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 29th day of October, 2007.

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DAVID COSS, MAYOR

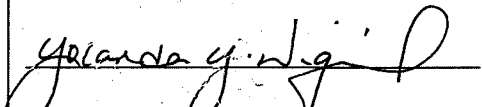
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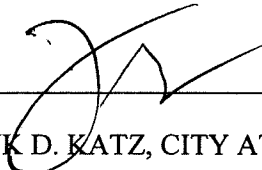
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YOLANDA X. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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4 FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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