CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-83

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Calvert

A RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING NEW MEXICO’S UNITED STATES SENATORS TO SUPPORT
LEGISLATION TO CREATE A COMMUNITY BUILDING CODE ADMINISTRATION
GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the topography of New Mexico is known for its varied nature including
desert terrain, broken mesas, wooded forest, and mountain peaks as well as the Rio Grande which
flows from the San Juan Mountains in Colorado to the Gulf of Mexico, running through the
middle of New Mexico, from north to south; and

WHEREAS, this topography presents New Mexico residents with an on-going
vulnerability to several types of natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico’s All-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan (“AHEO Plan”),
Interim July 2004 (and under current revision), promulgated by the New Mexico Department of
Public Safety’s Office of Emergency Management acknowledges the potential threat of the
traditional spectrum of manmade and natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, five categories of natural hazards have been identified as the most probable
to have an impact on New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, such categories include weather hazards, hydrologic hazards, wildfire hazards, geologic hazards and public health hazards; and

WHEREAS, the AHEO Plan establishes the state of New Mexico's response to emergencies/disasters that provides for the safety and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, the AHEO Plan outlines the responsibilities, tasks, and interface between state organizations, local governments, and the federal government and addresses the need for mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities that increase the state's capability to cope with emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the impact of recent natural disasters that have occurred throughout the United States and the potential for future natural disasters has clearly demonstrated to the nation the need for heightened local, state and federal attention to coordinated measures to mitigate the impact of natural hazards on our communities, as well as demonstrated significant need for availability of resources for the effective work of building code authorities; and

WHEREAS, jurisdictional adoption of modern building codes must be coupled with responsible and effective local administration of those codes by state and local building and fire code officials for the maximum benefits of those codes to be realized in local building safety, enhanced property values, energy efficiency and hazard mitigation; and

WHEREAS, effectively enforced building and fire codes is one of the best means of protecting New Mexico’s citizens and visitors from natural and manmade disasters that impact our homes, businesses, schools, places of worship, and all other types of construction in the built-environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the National Institute for Building Safety reported, in their congressionally-mandated NIBS Report of the Multihazard Mitigation Council, that for each federal dollar spent on mitigation the federal government saves nearly four dollars in future
disaster recovery expenses; and

WHEREAS, the International Code Council has proposed legislation to create a Community Building Code Administration Grant program designed to provide competitively evaluated federal grants, locally matched, to local governments who seek to build-up or improve their local code administration and enforcement capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Chapter of Building Officials of the International Code Council, as an assembly of New Mexicans and as professionals in building safety and fire prevention, supports the introduction, passage and funding of a Community Building Code Administration Grant program such as that proposed by the International Code Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that:

1. Senator Pete Domenici and Senator Jeff Bingaman are strongly encouraged to support the introduction, passage and funding of a Community Building Code Administration Grant program such as that proposed by the International Code Council.

2. Staff is directed to send this resolution to: the Honorable Pete Domenici, United States Senate and the Honorable Jeff Bingaman, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 26th day of September, 2007.

DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

VOLANDA Y. WIGIL, CITY CLERK
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY