CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-10

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Heldmeyer
Councilor Ortiz
Councilor Wurzburger

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO DEVELOP A PILOT PROJECT UTILIZING

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN CERTAIN CASES WITHIN THE LAND

USE DEPARTMENT.

   WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe’s Land Use Department receives many constituent
complaints about violations of the City’s Land Use and Environmental Regulations; and

   WHEREAS, the Land Use Department also receives many appeals of various land use
decisions; and

   WHEREAS, these complaints and appeals sometimes require a great deal of staff time to
resolve; and

   WHEREAS, in the case of some complaints and appeals, it may be possible to use
alternative dispute resolution to achieve an acceptable compromise solution that will protect the
neighborhood, conform with the law, and satisfy all parties involved; and

   WHEREAS, the use of alternative dispute resolution in these cases will save time and
money for the City and will benefit the community as a whole by providing a better way of
resolving neighborhood disputes.

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

1. The City Manager is directed to allocate twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) to a pilot project that would use alternative dispute resolution procedures in selected cases in the Land Use Department.

2. The Land Use Department and the City Attorney’s Office shall collaborate to implement such pilot program.

3. After completion of the pilot program, staff shall report back to the Governing Body about the outcome and make recommendations about how alternative dispute resolution can best be used throughout city government.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of August, 2007.

DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST: DAVID COSS, MAYOR

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY