CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-31

INTRODUCED BY:

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A RESOLUTION


WHEREAS, the Sustainable Santa Fe Task Force was created by Resolution 1998-50; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 1999-36 changed the name of the Sustainable Santa Fe Task Force to the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission and clarified the commission's compliance with adopted procedures for the formation of committees, task forces and ad hoc committees and commissions set forth in Resolution 1984-56; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2006-55 endorsing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Governing body adopted Resolution No. 2006 -56 endorsing the U.S.
Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement adopting high performance energy efficient building standards; and

WHEREAS, the Governors Climate Change Advisory Group has made a list of carbon reducing recommendations, which may serve as a valuable resource for information, and

WHEREAS, the governing body now wishes to repeal Resolution No. 2002-4 regarding the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission in order to redefine the scope, purpose, and responsibilities of the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that Resolution No. 2002-4 and all prior resolutions regarding the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission are repealed and the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission is reestablished as follows:

A. NAME. The Commission shall be called the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission.

B. PURPOSE. The Commission shall advise the Governing Body with the aim of reducing the City’s overall environmental impact in a proactive manner that establishes and standards for sustainable practices.

C. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. The Sustainable Santa Fe Commission shall work with city staff to develop a sustainable Santa Fe plan with a clear implementation strategy and reporting process for consideration for and approval by the Governing Body within six months of the adoption of this resolution. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, climate change, energy efficiency, building code and construction standards, carbon emission reduction efforts striving towards being a carbon neutral city, water reuse and conservation, urban agriculture, ecological restoration, and the establishment of city wide environmental sustainability standards.
2. The commission shall report to the Governing Body on at least an annual basis.

D. MEMBERSHIP; OFFICERS. The Commission shall consist of nine members appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. Members shall reside in the County of Santa Fe and shall have expertise in relevant fields, and to the extent possible, representing the diversity of the community in aspects such as culture, gender, age, and geography. The Commission shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson. The chairperson shall appoint sub-committees and sub-committee chairpersons as needed.

E. TERMS. Of the initial appointments, four of the members shall be appointed for two year terms and five shall be appointed for three year terms. Subsequent terms shall be for three years to maintain staggering of terms. There shall be no limitation to the number of consecutive terms a member may serve. The chairman shall serve for a two year term. After three consecutive unexcused absences a Commission member shall be automatically removed and notified thereof by the chairman. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as initial appointments and shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term. Any member of the Commission may be removed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council, with or without cause.

F. MEETINGS. A quorum shall be at least five members. The Commission shall meet at least once per month and shall conduct all meetings in accordance with adopted city policy and procedures.

G. STAFF. The Planning and Land Use Director shall serve as the primary liaison to the Commission. Depending upon the issue, other City staff may also be required to assist the Commission.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 11th day of April, 2007.
DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY