CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
RESOLUTION NO. 2007-25

INTRODUCED BY:

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING STAFF TO UPDATE THE CITY'S SNOW REMOVAL PLAN AND
ASSOCIATED EMERGENCY PLANS.

WHEREAS, the city snow removal plan has not been updated for almost twenty years;
and
WHEREAS, that plan has functioned well during the lighter snow storms and warmer
temperatures that Santa Fe has experienced in recent years prior to December of 2006; and
WHEREAS, that plan was shown to be inadequate for the heavier snow and colder
temperatures the city experienced in December of 2006; and
WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens that the
snow removal plan be re-evaluated, updated to meet current conditions, and expanded to deal
with a wider array of weather conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE that the city manager is directed to develop an updated snow removal plan
within ninety (90) days of the appointment of a new director for the Streets Division of the Public
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such a plan shall include, but not be limited to,
the following areas of concern:

1. a re-evaluation of the current plan, taking into account traffic volumes; commuter
patterns; the location of schools, senior citizens centers, and other areas with specific
safety concerns; emergency routes; commercial areas; and streets that, because of
their location or configuration, have perennial problems with ice and snow;

2. development of a plan that is capable of dealing with different amounts and durations
of snow, including the removal of ice where necessary;

3. evaluation of current snow and ice removal equipment and recommendations about
new equipment that may be needed;

4. evaluation of staffing that is currently available to deal with snow emergencies,
including staff outside of the Streets Division and recommendations about how that
staff may be better utilized and how the city can improve coordination between
different departments in case of a snow emergency;

5. evaluation of communication channels that are available during a snow emergency
and recommendations about how to improve communication between city staff
members and between city staff and the public;

6. a plan for snow and ice removal on city-owned sidewalks;

7. evaluation of our cooperative agreements with other governmental entities in case of
a snow emergency and recommendations about how those agreements could be
improved;

8. development of ways to involve non-governmental organizations and other members
of the public when a major emergency occurs;

9. consideration of the possibility of “snow emergency routes” where parking during a
snow emergency would not be allowed and, if that idea is feasible, mechanisms through which such parking bans could be enforced; and

10. consideration of long-term standby contracts for snow and ice removal from independent contractors.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 14th day of March, 2007.

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DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Frank D. Katz, CITY ATTORNEY