CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 1 **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-**2 3 INTRODUCED BY: 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 A RESOLUTION 11 DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO REDUCE DISPOSABLE 12 BAG USE. 13 14 WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe is making a concerted effort to enact more sustainable 15 practices to protect and preserve the environment; and 16 WHEREAS, Santa Fe was the first city to adopt the 2030 Challenge which calls for new 17 buildings to be greenhouse gas emission neutral by the year 2030 and was among hundreds of 18 cities to support the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; and 19 WHEREAS, disposable shopping bags provided to customers at grocery, drug and 20 convenience stores have significant negative effects on the environment, contributing to climate 21 change, litter and decreased water quality; and 22 WHEREAS, average use per person is between 300 and 600 disposable plastic and paper 23 shopping bags per year; and

that tax or ban disposable shopping bags; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Seattle and San Francisco have proposed or enacted programs

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1	WHEREAS, the country of Ireland imposed a fee on plastic bags and saw plastic bag use
2	drop by 90 percent; and
3	WHEREAS, "green fees" or taxes on disposable bags are estimated to cut greenhouse
4	gas production.
5	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
6	CITY OF SANTA FE that staff research and develop a fair and equitable program including, but
7	not limited to, an educational program to reduce or eliminate both paper and plastic disposable
8	bag use.
9	PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 11th day of June, 2008.
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