## CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO RESOLUTION NO. 2008- 31 INTRODUCED BY: Daid Coss V. Damingult A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU TO ESTABLISH RATES FOR THE CONVENTION CENTER AND TO NEGOTIATE SUCH RATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO MAXIMIZE REVENUES; RESPOND TO MARKET CONDITIONS; BE COMPETITIVE WITH LOCAL, STATE OR NATIONAL FACILITIES; AND ACCOMMODATE COMMUNITY NEEDS. WHEREAS, the city expects to open the new Santa Fe Convention Center by late summer 2008; and WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Convention Center exists to support business events; and WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Convention Center further exists to support community events, including events sponsored by the Santa Fe Fiesta Council and the Santa Fe Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1994-25 granted the Santa Fe Fiesta Council five free functions per year at the Sweeney Convention Center, however a clean-up fee was charged for each of the five events; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1994-25 also granted the Santa Fe Public Schools two functions per year which were traditionally used for the high school prom of each public high school, however cleaning, security and damage fees were charged for each of the five events; and

WHEREAS, the city entered into a contract with a consultant to propose rates for the use of the new convention center; and

WHEREAS, it is in the city's best interest to establish rates that will keep Santa Fe competitive in the local, state and national market for convention facilities and equipment fee structures; and

WHEREAS, it is in the city's best interest to be able to negotiate rates based on economic indicators and industry trends; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to establish rates based upon the user's contribution to the local economy, such as the number of sleeping rooms attached to any particular meeting group, or to the community.

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

- 1. The director of the city's convention and visitors' bureau, in conjunction with the city's finance director, is authorized to establish rates for the convention center and to negotiate such rates as may be necessary to maximize revenues; respond to market conditions; be competitive with local, state or national facilities; and accommodate community needs.
- 2. Resolutions, policies or procedures previously adopted regarding the establishment of rates for the Sweeney center are no longer applicable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Fe Fiesta Council shall be allowed to use the Santa Fe Convention Center for the following six functions per year, at no charge, except that the current damage fee shall be charged for each of the six functions or uses:

1. Youth Mariachi Workshop or other event (three days generally in February or

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2.	Competition for Don Diego DeVargas and La Reina or other event (one day
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- 3. Baile de Mayo or other event (one day in May)
- 4. Santa Fiesta Council headquarters (Thursday prior to Labor Day weekend through Sunday of Fiesta week)
  - 5. Annual Santa Fe Fiesta Events (Monday through Sunday of Fiesta week) and
- 6. Open event (date and time to be negotiated between the director of the convention and visitor's bureau and the president of the Santa Fe Fiesta Council, or their designees).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special consideration exists for the Santa Fe Public Schools to use the Santa Fe Convention Center for three functions per year, at no charge, except that the current clean up, security and damage fees shall be charged for each of the three functions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the event coordinator for the Santa Fe Fiesta

Council shall schedule and confirm the dates of the events and the space needs required for each event with the director of the convention and visitor's bureau or his designee, at least two years in advance of the scheduled events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the event coordinator for the events coordinator for the Santa Fe Public Schools shall schedule and confirm the dates of the events and the space needs required for each event with the director of the convention and visitor's bureau or his designee, at least one year in advance of the scheduled events.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 2008.

mdb/cao/2008 res/convention rates (amended resolution)

DAVID COSS, MAYOR