

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-53**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Calvert
6 Councilor Wurzburger
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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **RELATING TO NEWSPAPER BOXES; DIRECTING STAFF TO EXPLORE THE OPTIONS**
12 **FOR ENHANCING THE CITY'S CURRENT ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF**
13 **ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS REGARDING THE PLACEMENT AND**
14 **MAINTENANCE OF NEWSPAPER AND PERIODICAL BOXES WITHIN CITY HISTORIC**
15 **DISTRICTS AND OTHER AREAS OF THE CITY.**

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17 **WHEREAS**, Section 23-4.8(B) SFCC 1987 currently provides an allowance for the
18 placement of newspaper boxes on city sidewalks for the purpose of providing newspapers or
19 periodicals for sale to the public so long as the newspaper boxes are placed in a manner so as not to
20 hinder the free flow of pedestrian traffic or otherwise obstruct the public right of way; and

21 **WHEREAS**, other than the above provision in the municipal code, there are no city code
22 provisions in place that regulate the placement of newspaper and periodical boxes, the grouping of
23 newspaper and periodical boxes, the manner in which newspaper and periodical boxes are secured in
24 place, the appearance of newspaper and periodical boxes within the city's historic districts, and the
25 maintenance and upkeep of newspaper and periodical boxes; and


1 **WHEREAS**, in some instances, newspaper and periodical boxes are secured to trees, light
2 poles, traffic signs, parking meters, or other city property which can damage city property, create
3 potential safety hazards, and limit access to and from on-street parking spaces; and

4 **WHEREAS**, newspaper and periodical boxes detract from the aesthetics of the city's historic
5 districts and other areas of the city when they accumulate graffiti, when vandalism and damage are
6 unaddressed, when they are used as a trash receptacles, when they remain in place after having been
7 abandoned, when they are placed in uncoordinated groupings, or when, in historic districts, their
8 design and color are not subject to a city standard; and

9 **WHEREAS**, newspaper and periodical boxes are privately owned and, as such, the owners
10 of these boxes should be responsible for their placement, grouping, securement, appearance, and
11 maintenance.

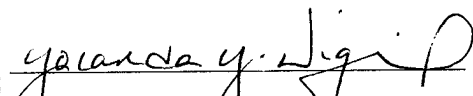
12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
13 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that staff is directed to explore the options for enhancing the city's current
14 ordinance for the purpose of establishing regulations regarding the placement, grouping, securement,
15 appearance, and maintenance of newspaper and periodical boxes within historic districts and other
16 areas of the city.

17 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 29th day of May, 2013.

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20 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

21 ATTEST:

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24 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY