

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-69**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Bushee
6 Councilor Wurzbarger
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10 **AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION**

11 **RELATED TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE**
12 **CITY OF SANTA FE; AUTHORIZING THAT ALL URBAN TRAILS WITHIN THE**
13 **JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE REMAIN OPEN DURING THIS HIGH FIRE**
14 **DANGER SEASON FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE**
15 **USING THE TRAILS AND REPORT ANY FIRE SAFETY HAZARDS TO THE CITY FIRE**
16 **DEPARTMENT; AND GRANTING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THE AUTHORITY TO**
17 **REEVALUATE THE OPEN TRAILS AND IF NECESSARY, ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS,**
18 **CLOSE TRAILS.**

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20 **WHEREAS,** on June 19, 2013, the United States Forest Service announced that it will be
21 closing its trails beginning June 24, 2013; and

22 **WHEREAS,** urban trails within the City’s jurisdiction that lead directly into the Santa Fe
23 National Forest include Atalaya, Dorothy Stewart, Dale Ball and La Pradera Trails; and

24 **WHEREAS,** most of the City trails are surrounded by residential neighborhoods and closing
25 down the trails would eliminate the ability of residents to use the trails and be the eyes and ears for

1 the City because the City does not have available personnel 24/7 to look for fire safety hazards on the
2 trails; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body desires that all urban trails within its jurisdiction remain
4 open during this high fire danger season unless determined by the Fire Department that in the interest
5 of the residents of Santa Fe it is necessary to close down a trail or trails.

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
7 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City
8 of Santa Fe the Governing Body hereby:

- 9 1. Authorizes that all urban trails within the jurisdiction of the city of Santa Fe remain
10 open during this high fire danger season for the purpose of allowing residents to
11 continue using the trails and report any fire safety hazards to the city fire department;
12 and
- 13 2. Grants the Fire Department the authority to, on a case by case basis, reevaluate trails
14 on a daily basis and if necessary close trails.
- 15 3. Grants the general public the authority to continue to hike, bike, run and safely
16 recreate on designated City trails, however, in the event of new fires or there is abuse
17 of the privilege to use the trails, the trails may be closed at the discretion of the Fire
18 Department.
- 19 4. In accordance with the International Fire Code® as adopted by §12-2.1 SFCC 1987,
20 prohibits the following activities on any trail within the City's jurisdiction:
 - 21 A. Open burning, including campfires, bonfires, pit barbecues;
 - 22 B. Burning of weeds, trash, or other vegetation;
 - 23 C. Using charcoal barbecue grills;
 - 24 D. Smoking; and
 - 25 E. Using any motorized all-terrain vehicle or motorcycles.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that staff is directed to:

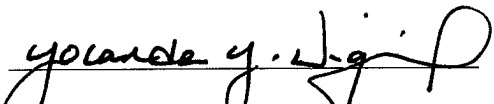
- 2 1. Maintain consistency with the United States Forest Service and post signage on the
3 trailheads of the Atalaya, Dororthy Stewart, Dale Ball and La Pradera Trails
4 notifying the public that the Santa Fe National Forest trails are closed and trail users
5 are prohibited from entering the Santa Fe National Forest.
- 6 2. In the event that the Fire Department makes a determination that it is necessary to
7 close a trail or trails, immediately issue a press release to notify the public of such
8 closure or closures.
- 9 3. Issue press releases that encourage the public to use La Tierra Trail, Santa Fe River
10 Trail, Rail Trail, Arroyo Chamisa Trail and Acequia Madre Trail.

11 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 26th day of June, 2013.

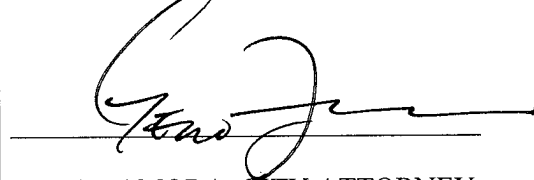
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14 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

15 ATTEST:

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18 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

19 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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22 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *m/Melissa/Resolutions 2013/2013-69 Trails Open*