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**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-48**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Councilor Peter N. Ives

**A RESOLUTION**

**SUPPORTING PROPOSALS TO BOOST THE EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS IN THE  
2021 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE (“IECC”) BY AT LEAST  
TEN PERCENT.**

**WHEREAS**, residential, multi-family, and commercial buildings are the largest source  
of energy use, energy waste, and carbon emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, because buildings last a century and are often too costly to retrofit, the best  
time to incorporate permanent efficiency measures is at initial construction; and

**WHEREAS**, building energy codes, by setting minimum building efficiency  
requirements at initial construction, provide measurable and permanent energy savings and  
emissions reductions over the century-long life spans of buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe (“City”) reaps long-lasting and widespread benefits  
from steady improvements to America’s Model Energy Code (the International Energy  
Conservation Code (“IECC”)), including greater building resiliency and fire worthiness, reduced  
energy bills for home and commercial building owners & tenants, fewer foreclosures from

1 inability to pay energy bills, flatter peak-load energy demand, and a more stable grid; and

2       **WHEREAS**, energy-efficient housing is most beneficial to those with the lowest  
3 incomes, because persons with low incomes save money on utility costs long after paying for the  
4 cost of energy improvements; and

5       **WHEREAS**, the City has supports the principles of, and the involvement of the United  
6 States of America in. the Paris Agreement; and

7       **WHEREAS**, the City has adopted a 25-year Sustainability Plan to achieve carbon-  
8 neutrality in the City by 2040; and

9       **WHEREAS**, on May 31, 2006, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2006-54,  
10 endorsing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; and

11       **WHEREAS**, McKinsey & Co. has identified building energy efficiency as the most  
12 significant, impactful, and cost-effective step cities can take to meet U.S. Conference of Mayors  
13 and Paris Accord emission targets; and

14       **WHEREAS**, the City has an opportunity to vote online in support of a 10% boost in the  
15 efficiency of the IECC's update of America's Model Energy Code this November.

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

18       1.       The City should fully participate in this November's ICC online voting and  
19 support proposals that will boost the efficiency of this year's update of America's Model Energy  
20 Code, the 2021 IECC, by at least 10%.

21       2.       All departments with ICC voting credentials shall submit their maximum allowed  
22 rosters of Governmental Member Voting Representatives to the ICC by September 23.

23       3.       All of our jurisdiction's eligible ICC votes cast should be consistent with the  
24 City's energy and climate policy and should consider U.S. Conference of Mayors' recognized  
25 IECC voting guide developed by the broad-based Energy Efficient Codes Coalition (EECC).


1 which objectively identifies IECC proposals that employ existing technologies to improve new  
2 building efficiency, as well as those that would weaken or trade away efficiency.

3 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

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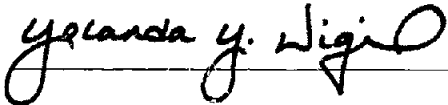
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ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR

8 ATTEST:

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11 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

12 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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15 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *Legislation/2019/Resolutions/2019-48 IECC Energy Efficiency Vote*