

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SECOND COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-16-102 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 PROVIDING FOR THE AUTHORIZED STORAGE AND ADMINISTRATION OF
3 NALOXONE IN PUBLIC SPACES TO HELP REVERSE AN OPIOID OVERDOSE.

4 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque recognizes that New Mexico has the
5 second highest rate of opioid drug overdose deaths in the country; and

6 WHEREAS, the opioid addiction and overdose epidemic affects people in
7 every walk of life; and

8 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County has one of the
9 highest incidents of overdose deaths per capita in New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, the Office of National Drug Control Policy has stated that
11 naloxone distribution is a key component of overdose prevention; and

12 WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico has expanded the use of naloxone, a
13 prescription medication that can be used to reverse the effects of an opiate
14 overdose, as part of its harm reduction program; and

15 WHEREAS, on March 4, 2016, Governor Susana Martinez signed House Bill
16 277 which received unanimous support from the New Mexico Legislature to
17 allow for the possession, distribution and storage of an opiate overdose
18 antidote (naloxone or Narcan®) by individuals and community organizations
19 under a standing order and relieves individuals or registered overdose
20 prevention and education programs from civil liability; and

21 WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to promote public health,
22 safety, and welfare by making naloxone more readily available in the City while
23 protecting city staff and city resources from potential liability or other
24 consequence related to its use or non-use; and

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1 WHEREAS, opioid overdose death is preventable through administering
2 naloxone, which is a safe medication that reverses and blocks the effects of
3 opioids and can be used to treat a known or suspected opioid overdose; and

4 WHEREAS, naloxone can rapidly begin reversing the effects of an opioid
5 overdose while emergency care is being sought by calling 911 and/or getting a
6 person suffering from an overdose to emergency care; and

7 WHEREAS by expanding access to this overdose reversal drug, we are
8 doing our best to ensure that the first responders to the scene of an overdose
9 can save lives; and

10 WHEREAS the City of Albuquerque requests a standing order to allow for
11 the obtaining and storage of naloxone in public spaces for emergency use and
12 organized staff trainings from the New Mexico Department of Health.

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
14 ALBUQUERQUE:

15 Section 1. The following is adopted and added to the Albuquerque Code of
16 Resolutions at Section 3-10-4:

17 “[3-10-3 NALOXONE AT PUBLIC FACILITIES

18 A. City facilities with public access will safely store naloxone on site as part of
19 an emergency first aid kit, at or near other emergency medical treatment
20 equipment or supplies (e.g. AED or first aid kits) and will post signage to
21 indicate that naloxone is available on site and its location.

22 B. City Departments overseeing those facilities cited in Paragraph A of this
23 resolution will identify City employees at each facility to be specifically trained
24 in monitoring the availability of and in administering naloxone at those
25 facilities.

26 C. Naloxone training shall be incorporated into the city’s CPR training
27 program for city employees. However, city employees who undergo such
28 training, including the employees identified in paragraph ‘B’ above, are not
29 obligated or cloaked with any duty to administer naloxone under any
30 circumstance.

31 D. The Albuquerque Fire Department (AFD) will procure and store naloxone
32 rescue kits for the purpose of dispensation to City employees as identified in
33 paragraph ‘B’ above over a nine-month period beginning January 1, 2017 with

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1 a completion date of October 1, 2017. Naloxone training for employees and
2 placement of the naloxone kits in identified locations shall be phased in with
3 the expectation that 50% of the locations identified in paragraph ‘A’ above,
4 shall have naloxone kits by April 15, 2017.

5 E. All social services organizations within the City of Albuquerque receiving
6 City of Albuquerque funding to provide a public service or public assistance at
7 their facility, are encouraged to attend a naloxone training and equip their
8 facilities with potentially lifesaving opiate overdose antidote kits.

9 F. Continuation of the naloxone program shall be dependent on feasibility,
10 and on available funding.

11 G. AFD will identify an existing source of funding not less than \$7,500 for the
12 purchase of naloxone rescue kits which will be stored in City facilities
13 identified in paragraph ‘A’, above.]”

14 Section 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause,
15 word, or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or
16 unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not
17 affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The Council
18 hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section,
19 paragraph, sentence, clause word phrase irrespective of any provisions being
20 declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

21 Section 3. COMPILATION. The resolution set forth in Section 1 above shall
22 amend, be incorporated in and made part of the Albuquerque Code of
23 Resolutions.

24 Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall take effect five days
25 after publication by title and general summary.
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