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CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
CITY COUNCIL

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

FROM: Isaac Padilla, Director of Council Services *YMN* / *For IEP*

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Legislation

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. O-26-31 Amending The Public Safety Tax Advisory Board Ordinance To Define The Role Of The Board; Improve Transparency; And Clarify Program Administration, Oversight, And Reporting Requirements (Rogers and Baca), which was passed at the Council meeting of June 1, 2026, by a vote of 9 FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

In accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, your action is respectfully requested.

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SEVENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. O-26-31 ENACTMENT NO. O. 2022. 021

SPONSORED BY: Nichole Rogers and Joaquín Baca

1 **ORDINANCE**

2 **AMENDING THE PUBLIC SAFETY TAX ADVISORY BOARD ORDINANCE TO**
3 **DEFINE THE ROLE OF THE BOARD; IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY; AND**
4 **CLARIFY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION, OVERSIGHT, AND REPORTING**
5 **REQUIREMENTS.**

6 **WHEREAS, the Public Safety Tax was approved by voters to fund clearly**
7 **defined public safety purposes and requires ongoing review to ensure funds**
8 **are used effectively and consistent with voter intent; and**

9 **WHEREAS, the Public Safety Tax is dedicated by ordinance to specific**
10 **public safety categories, reflecting the voters' intent that revenues be used for**
11 **clearly defined purposes; and**

12 **WHEREAS, a 2019 Performance Audit completed by the City of Albuquerque**
13 **Office of Internal Audit found that since 2008 the Public Safety Tax Advisory**
14 **Board had not been fully established; and**

15 **WHEREAS, an advisory board composed of key City and community public**
16 **safety stakeholders is an appropriate mechanism to review the use of Public**
17 **Safety Tax revenues and to recommend changes, if necessary, in the**
18 **distribution of such revenues; and**

19 **WHEREAS, the Board has since been established and is now active, and**
20 **requires sufficient access to program data and information to effectively carry**
21 **out its duties related to transparency, expenditure tracking, and policy**
22 **recommendations; and**

23 **WHEREAS, regular program-level review of expenditures and outcomes by**
24 **the Public Safety Tax Advisory Board promotes transparency, accountability,**
25 **and data-driven improvements in the delivery of public safety services; and**

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1 WHEREAS, the Board has received a substantial volume of information from
2 funded departments and has found that the complexity of this information
3 requires additional time and access to fully evaluate program performance and
4 outcomes; and

5 WHEREAS, the Board has recommended that it be provided with ongoing
6 opportunities to review departmental work and receive periodic performance
7 reports in order to strengthen its oversight and advisory role.

8 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
9 ALBUQUERQUE:

10 SECTION 1. Chapter 2, Article 6, Part 11 of the Revised Ordinances of
11 Albuquerque, 1994 is amended as follows:

12 PART 11: PUBLIC SAFETY TAX ADVISORY BOARD.

13 § 2-6-11-1 SHORT TITLE. Sections 2-6-11-1 et seq. may be cited as the "Public
14 Safety Tax Advisory Board Ordinance."

15 § 2-6-11-2 FINDINGS. The City Council finds that an ongoing review is needed
16 to ensure that the use of the public safety tax most effectively meets the needs
17 of the City and its residents. The City Council also finds that an advisory
18 board consisting of key city and citizen public safety stakeholders is the most
19 appropriate vehicle to review the use of the tax, and suggest changes, if
20 necessary, in the distribution and administration of public safety tax revenue.

21 § 2-6-11-3 MEMBERSHIP, TERMS AND APPOINTMENTS. There is hereby
22 created a Public Safety Tax Advisory Board to review and recommend to the
23 Council the use and distribution of the public safety tax imposed at ROA 1994,
24 §§ 4-3-8-1 et seq.

25 (A) The Board shall consist of five members as follows: one member with
26 experience or financial expertise in crime prevention and intervention
27 appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council, one
28 member with experience or financial expertise in law enforcement appointed by
29 the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council, one member with
30 experience or financial expertise in emergency medical services appointed by
31 the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council, and two at-large
32 members appointed by the City Council. The Board shall elect a chair from its
33 members.

1 (B) The term of office for members of the Board shall be for three years
2 unless the appointment is to fill a vacancy. Each member may serve a
3 maximum of two terms.

4 § 2-6-11-4 DUTIES. The duties of the Board shall be as follows:

5 (A) Adopt and maintain written scopes for each use category listed in ROA
6 1994, § 4-3-8-5(A), the Dedication of the Public Safety Tax. Such scopes shall
7 define eligible program types, intended outcomes, and general expenditure
8 parameters for each category. Scopes shall be reviewed, at a minimum, on a
9 biannual basis.

10 (B) Review information presented by the City Administration regarding
11 expenditures and outcomes of Public Safety Tax-funded programs in order to
12 assess effectiveness and efficiency and to recommend programmatic or
13 funding changes consistent with the dedication of funds.

14 (C) Review the use of the public safety tax revenue for the previous fiscal
15 year at the programmatic level, including expenditures and outcomes.

16 (D) Review the distribution of revenue among the public safety dedicated
17 use categories as outlined in the Dedication of the Public Safety Tax in ROA
18 1994, § 4-3-8-5, and the City departments or agencies administering programs
19 within those categories, and recommend changes, if necessary, to the revenue
20 distributed, based on community conditions and program performance.

21 (E) Provide recommendations to the Mayor and City Council by January 1
22 of each year for the proposed use of public safety tax revenues for the
23 upcoming fiscal year by category and, where appropriate, by department and
24 program.

25 § 2-6-11-5 TRANSPARENCY, REPORTING, AND OVERSIGHT.

26 (A) The Administration shall create and maintain a publicly accessible,
27 interactive data dashboard that tracks implementation and outcomes of this
28 Ordinance. The dashboard shall allow users to filter data by time period and
29 shall include metrics related to compliance, enforcement, and outcomes.

30 (B) The Administration shall utilize the dashboard and any other
31 applicable reporting methods to present information to the Public Safety Tax
32 Advisory Board regarding the expenditure of Public Safety Tax revenues at the
33 programmatic level within each dedication category. Such information shall

1 include, at a minimum, the amount expended by program, the department or
2 agency responsible for implementation, stated program objectives, and
3 available outcome or performance measures.

4 SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause,
5 word or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or
6 unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not
7 affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. The Council
8 hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section,
9 paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any
10 provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

11 SECTION 3. COMPILATION. SECTION 1 of this Ordinance amends, is
12 incorporated in, and is to be compiled as part of the Revised Ordinances of
13 Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1994.

14 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance takes effect five days after
15 publication by title and general summary.

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF June, 2026
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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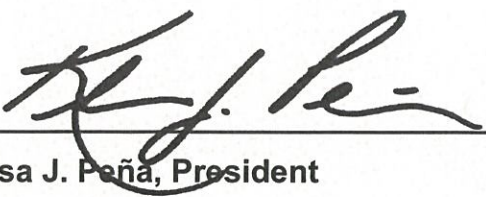
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Klarissa J. Peña, President
City Council

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13 APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026

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Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
City of Albuquerque

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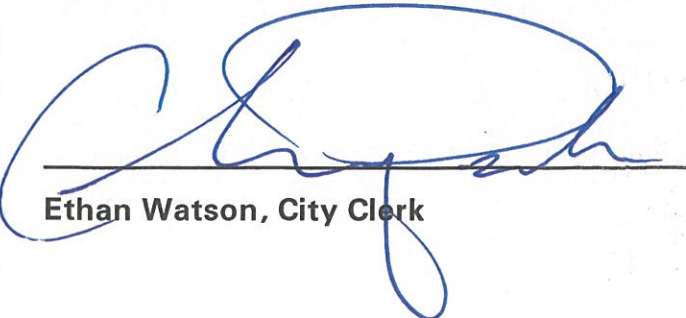
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Ethan Watson, City Clerk

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Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

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June 22, 2026

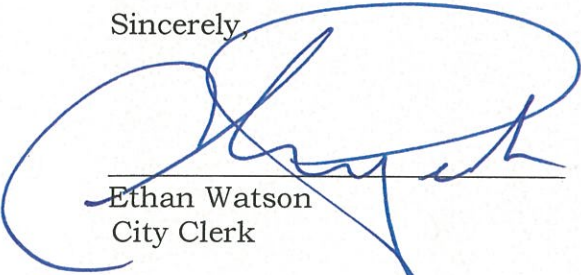
To: CITY COUNCIL

From: Ashley Santistevan, Assistant City Clerk

Subject: BILL NO. O-26-31; ENACTMENT NO. O-2026-021

I hereby certify that on June 22, 2026, the Office of the City Clerk received Bill No. O-26-31 as signed by the president of the City Council, Klarissa J. Pena. Enactment No. O-2026-021 was passed at the June 1, 2026 City Council meeting. Mayor Keller did not sign the approved Ordinance within the 10 days allowed for his signature and did not exercise his veto power. Pursuant to the Albuquerque City Charter Article XI, Section 3, this Ordinance is in full effect beginning July 8, 2026 without Mayor's approval or signature. This memorandum shall be placed in the permanent file for Bill No. O-26-31.

Sincerely,



Ethan Watson
City Clerk