

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-24-3 ENACTMENT NO. R-2024-008

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1 **RESOLUTION**

2 **DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CREATE A PROGRAM FOR THE**
3 **DISPOSAL OF HUMAN FECES ON PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF**
4 **ALBUQUERQUE.**

5 **WHEREAS, City Ordinance section 9-10-1-3 defines "infectious waste"**
6 **as: "Solid waste that carries a probable risk of transmitting disease to**
7 **humans, including but not limited to:" human pathological wastes, human and**
8 **body fluid wastes including blood and blood components, body fluids, and**
9 **biological wastes; and**

10 **WHEREAS, the intricate and interconnected design of the human body**
11 **necessitates the vital and indispensable function of defecation, serving as a**
12 **fundamental process for the maintenance of overall health and physiological**
13 **equilibrium; and**

14 **WHEREAS, the 2023 Point in Time Count indicates there are at least 3,842**
15 **unhoused individuals in the city, yet the city currently only operates one 24/7**
16 **year-round public toilet: a Portland Loo at the Uptown Transit Station; and**

17 **WHEREAS, the challenges faced by individuals experiencing**
18 **homelessness are compounded by the inherent difficulty in accessing basic**
19 **human necessities, such as restroom facilities; and**

20 **WHEREAS, in the last calendar year, the 311 Community Contact Center**
21 **has been contacted nearly 400 times to resolve issues involving human feces;**
22 **and**

23 **WHEREAS, current City Policy states that it is a resident or business**
24 **owner's responsibility to clean their private property, including sidewalks and**
25 **alleys, including the removal of human feces when present; and**

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1 **WHEREAS, according to the National Library of Medicine, enteroviruses,**
2 **hepatitis A virus, rotaviruses, parvovirus-like viruses, astroviruses,**
3 **caliciviruses, adenoviruses and coronaviruses may be present in human**
4 **feces; and**

5 **WHEREAS, the New Mexico Department of Health has issued multiple**
6 **Health Alerts regarding ongoing drug-resistant Shigella infections in the**
7 **Albuquerque area, mainly affecting the homeless population, that can be**
8 **transmitted through contact with human feces; and**

9 **WHEREAS, the presence of human feces in public spaces poses a**
10 **significant health and sanitation risk to the community; and**

11 **WHEREAS, human feces poses a significant risk to water quality when**
12 **washed into storm drains or waterways; and**

13 **WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management**
14 **also notes that properly disposing of human feces is important to avoid**
15 **polluting water sources, minimizing the chances of spreading disease, and**
16 **maximizing the rate of decomposition; and**

17 **WHEREAS, failure to promptly address and rectify this matter may result in**
18 **public health hazards and damage to the community’s reputation; and**

19 **WHEREAS, to protect the public health and general welfare of residents,**
20 **The City desires to create a program for the disposal of human feces on all**
21 **properties in the City limits.**

22 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
23 **ALBUQUERQUE:**

24 **SECTION 1. The City Administration shall develop and administer a**
25 **program to collect feces that is believed to come from a human, including:**

- 26 **A. Engaging with and supervising a contractor who specializes in**
27 **removing and disposing of potentially hazardous material;**
- 28 **B. Directing the contractor to clean up human feces, on both public and**
29 **private property;**
- 30 **C. Coordinating with 311 to create a mechanism through which**
31 **residents can report human feces and the contractor can then be dispatched**
32 **to the location; and**

1 **D. In conjunction with the contractor, track where human feces is found**
2 **and the number of instances the contractor cleans up such waste.**


3 **SECTION 2. The following appropriation is made from the available fund**
4 **balance program from Fiscal Year 2024:**

5 **GENERAL FUND – 110**
6 **Environmental Health Department**
7 **Consumer Health** **\$100,000**

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF February, 2024
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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10 Dan Lewis, President
11 City Council
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15 APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024
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18 Bill No. R-24-3
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22 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
23 City of Albuquerque
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29 Ethan Watson, City Clerk
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FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

TITLE: DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO CREATE A PROGRAM FOR THE DISPOSAL OF HUMAN FECES ON PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE.

R: O.
FUND: 110

DEPT: EHD

- No measurable fiscal impact is anticipated, i.e., no impact on fund balance over and above existing appropriations.
- (If Applicable) The estimated fiscal impact (defined as impact over and above existing appropriations) of this legislation is as follows:

	Fiscal Years			
	2024	2025	2026	Total
Base Salary/Wages				-
Fringe Benefits at				-
Subtotal Personnel				-
Operating Expenses				
Property	100,000	-	-	100,000
Indirect Costs	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Estimated revenues not affected				
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Revenue from program				0
Amount of Grant				
City Cash Match				
City Inkind Match				
City IDOH				
Total Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

These estimates do not include any adjustment for inflation.

* Range if not easily quantifiable.

Number of Positions created

COMMENTS: This appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund from the available fund balance to the Environmental Health Department for a professional services contract to respond to constituent calls to pick up human feces

COMMENTS ON NON-MONETARY IMPACTS TO COMMUNITY/CITY GOVERNMENT:

This service is necessary to reduce the spread of viruses that are transmitted through contact with human feces

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