

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. M-25-7 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION REGARDING
3 TRANSPARENCY OF LOCAL PLANNING REVIEW PROCESSES AFFECTING
4 THE CREATION OF NEW HOUSING (HOUSING TRANSPARENCY BILL).

5 WHEREAS, per the City’s *Housing Needs Assessment*, “According to 2022
6 data, there is an estimated shortage of 21,969 units affordable for households
7 with income at 30% AMI or below in the region. Between 2010 and 2022 the
8 shortage of units for households under 30% AMI has increased by 2,083 units
9 in the region”; and

10 WHEREAS, per the City’s *Housing Needs Assessment*, “HOMELESSNESS:
11 In additionto the gap in rental affordability for households earning less than
12 30% AMI, in 2023, the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness reported
13 2,394 homeless individuals in Albuquerque’s point-in-time (PIT) count.
14 McKinney Vento Act data for the academic year 2022-2023 shows 3,829
15 homeless children and youth in the region’s public school districts, a higher
16 estimate than the PIT count. This highlights the need for additional housing
17 units and housing support targeted to families”; and

18 WHEREAS, according to PEW Charitable Trusts, “One of the most
19 significant constraints on supply is lengthy and unpredictable zoning,
20 entitlement, and permitting processes, which create uncertainty and financing
21 challenges, drive up project costs and lead to construction delays or cancelled
22 projects”; and

23 WHEREAS, the Housing Transparency Bill would require Class A counties
24 and the State’s ten largest municipalities (populations over 30,000) to report
25 five key data points quarterly, posting them on their websites and submitting

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1 them to the Legislative Finance Committee and Economic Development
2 Department; and

3 WHEREAS, the municipality’s reports would require the following:

- 4 • Development Plan applications
- 5 • Development plan approvals and denials
- 6 • Development plan processing time
- 7 • Total residential building permits
- 8 • Building permit processing time; and

9 WHEREAS, the Housing Transparency Bill is a simple reform: it doesn’t
10 change zoning, it doesn’t mandate approvals, it simply requires basic
11 reporting. By shining a light on where the process slows down, we can make
12 smarter decisions, speed up housing delivery, and make homes more
13 affordable for New Mexico families.

14 BE IT MEMORIALIZED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
15 CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

16 SECTION 1. The Albuquerque City Council expresses its strong support for
17 the Housing Transparency Bill during the upcoming 30-day legislative
18 session.

19 SECTION 2. The Albuquerque City Council urges the Governor of New
20 Mexico and the New Mexico Legislature to support the Housing Transparency
21 Bill.

22 SECTION 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this Memorial to
23 the City of Albuquerque lobbyist, the City of Albuquerque State Legislative
24 Delegation, the Governor of New Mexico, and the New Mexico Legislature. The
25 City Clerk shall forward a copy of the transmittals to the City Council
26 President and Council Services Director.

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