

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SECOND COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-16-100 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 CREATING A NEW PRIORITY OBJECTIVE WITHIN THE PUBLIC SAFETY GOAL
3 RELATING TO THE CREATION OF A NALOXONE PROTOCOL AND PROGRAM
4 FOR THE ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

5 WHEREAS, Section 4-10(b) of the City Charter specifies that the Council
6 shall annually review and adopt one-year objectives related to five-year goals
7 for the City, which goals and objectives are to serve as a basis for budget
8 formulation and other policies and legislation; and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico leads the nation in deaths caused by overdose of
10 opioid drugs and 536 deaths were caused by overdoses in 2014, a 19 percent
11 increase over the previous year; and

12 WHEREAS, naloxone is a prescription drug that can counteract the effects
13 of opioid drugs, effectively stopping an overdose; and

14 WHEREAS, the state passed legislation in 2016 to allow “standing orders”
15 for naloxone, allowing pharmacists to dispense the drug at their pharmacy
16 counters without a doctor’s order so anyone can obtain naloxone at various
17 locations throughout New Mexico without a prescription; and

18 WHEREAS, naloxone was successfully used in 900 cases of opioid
19 overdose in 2014 and studies suggest that most patients addicted to heroin
20 have been rescued by naloxone before they commit to medication-assisted
21 treatment programs; and

22 WHEREAS, police officers may be the first responders on the scene of an
23 opioid overdose and have an opportunity to save a life before a paramedic can
24 be called out, and

25 WHEREAS, several New Mexico law-enforcement agencies have a naloxone
26 protocol for their officers, including the Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Office,
27 Espanola Police Department, Ruidoso Police Department, Rio Rancho Police

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1 Department, Santa Fe County Sheriff’s Office, Socorro Police Department,
2 Socorro County Sheriff’s Office, Taos County Sheriff’s Office, Taos Police
3 Department, and Union County Sheriff’s Office; and

4 WHEREAS, APD has access to grant funding opportunities through the US
5 Department of Health and Human Services’ Opioid Initiative, which is
6 administered locally by the New Mexico Human Services Department, as well
7 as other opportunities through the University of New Mexico Health Sciences
8 Center, and

9 WHEREAS, naloxone has a shelf life of two years and must be replaced
10 biennially.

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
12 ALBUQUERQUE:

13 Section 1. That a new priority objective is created under the PUBLIC
14 SAFETY GOAL reading as follows:

15 “The Albuquerque Police Department shall, by the end of second quarter of
16 FY17, explore other law enforcement agencies’ naloxone protocols with the
17 aim of developing a naloxone protocol for all officers in the Department.

18 The Department shall: work with officials at the UNM Health Sciences
19 Center to research and apply for grant funding sufficient to cover the cost
20 of placing a naloxone kit in each of APD’s vehicles and develop a plan for
21 replacing naloxone kits as they are used or expire; submit a report with
22 recommendations to the Mayor and City Council by the end of the second
23 quarter of FY17 identifying grant funding opportunities for initial
24 implementation and ongoing funding sources; and develop the initial
25 training module for field officers and an implementation date for training,
26 which shall commence no later than end of the fourth quarter FY17.”

27 Section 2. Implementation and continuation of the City’s naloxone protocol
28 shall be dependent upon feasibility, availability of the drug, and available
29 funding.

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