

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-25-181 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Dan Champine

1 RESOLUTION

2 RESCINDING R-25-154, WHICH ESTABLISHED A MORATORIUM ON FIBER
3 INTERNET INSTALLATION PERMITS AND ESTABLISHED A WORKING GROUP
4 TO REEVALUATE PERMITTING CRITERIA AND OTHER REQUIRED
5 STANDARDS.

6 WHEREAS, on May 19, 2025, the City Council passed R-25-154, which
7 established a moratorium on the issuance of Fiber Internet Installation Permits
8 that would become effective on September 1, 2025, unless the City Council
9 accepted recommendations made by a working group comprised of critical
10 stakeholders; and

11 WHEREAS, the purpose of the proposed moratorium was to encourage
12 stakeholders to address the significant concerns raised by members of the
13 community relating to the rapid deployment of fiber installation throughout the
14 City; and

15 WHEREAS, numerous stakeholders convened for multiple meetings and
16 proposed many thoughtful changes to the process for installing fiber internet,
17 which would address many of the issues affecting the community; and

18 WHEREAS, after many meetings, the working group agreed to a set of
19 recommendations to present to the City Council; and

20 WHEREAS, the report as introduced did not reflect the months of work by
21 the working group; and

22 WHEREAS, the report would not be considered by the Council before the
23 moratorium is set to be imposed; and

24 WHEREAS, it would be inappropriate for a moratorium to be imposed when
25 stakeholders meaningfully participated in crafting a plan; and

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1 WHEREAS, continuing to discuss the insufficient report does not ultimately
2 help the people of Albuquerque; and

3 WHEREAS, it would be more valuable to the citizens of Albuquerque to
4 craft and consider appropriate policies regarding the installation of fiber
5 internet in Albuquerque utilizing the expertise of the working group than
6 continuing to discuss the previous resolution; and

7 WHEREAS, rescinding R-25-154 will prevent a moratorium on fiber
8 installation permits from going into effect.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
10 ALBUQUERQUE:

11 SECTION 1. R-25-154 is rescinded in its entirety.

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

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