

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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24 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:

	2024	Fiscal Years 2025	2026	Total
Base Salary/Wages				-
Fringe Benefits at				-
Subtotal Personnel	-	-	-	-
Operating Expenses	100,000	-	-	100,000
Property	-	-	-	-
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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