

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-24-27 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Tammy Fiebelkorn, by request

1 RESOLUTION

2 ADOPTING AN UPDATED ALBUQUERQUE/ BERNALILLO COUNTY
3 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

4 WHEREAS, the City Council, the Governing Body of the City of
5 Albuquerque, has the authority to amend and adopt the Comprehensive Plan
6 as authorized by State statute, Section 3-19-9, NMSA 1970, and by its home
7 rule powers established by the New Mexico State Constitution; and

8 WHEREAS, the City's planning and zoning powers are established by the
9 City charter, in which: Article I, Incorporation and Powers, allows the City to
10 adopt new regulatory structures and processes and implement the
11 Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan ("Comp Plan") guiding
12 future legislation; Article IX, Environmental Protection, empowers the City to
13 adopt regulations and procedures to protect and preserve environmental
14 features such as water, air and other natural endowments, ensure the proper
15 use and development of land, and promote and maintain an aesthetic and
16 humane urban environment; and Article XVII, Planning, establishes the City
17 Council as the City's ultimate planning and zoning authority, including
18 adoption of the Comp Plan; and

19 WHEREAS, the Comp Plan is the Rank 1 Plan for the physical development
20 and conservation of areas within the City of Albuquerque and unincorporated
21 Bernalillo County, which sets out the context, goals and policies, monitoring
22 and implementation, and supporting information to further its vision and
23 purpose; and

24 WHEREAS, the City Council adopted an update to the
25 Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan in 2017 via R-16-108
26 (Enactment No. R-2017-026); and

1 WHEREAS, the City Council directed the City to update the
2 Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan in August 2022 via R-22-
3 42 (Enactment No. R-2022-061); and

4 WHEREAS, the proposed update to the Comp Plan incorporates visions,
5 goals, and policies from other City plans and reports completed since the last
6 update to the Comp Plan in 2017, including the Age-Friendly Action Plan (R-
7 21-221, Enactment No. R-2022-008), the Climate Action Plan (EC-21-378), the
8 Vision Zero Year-in-Review and Prioritization report (EC-23-376), and
9 Community Planning Area Assessment Reports (R-22-42); and

10 WHEREAS, the update to the Comp Plan adds language for clarity, updates
11 narratives for consistency with current programs and practices, and updates
12 maps and graphics to reflect current conditions in the City; and

13 WHEREAS, the update to the Comp Plan tracks progress toward
14 implementing Comp Plan policies by updating the Implementation Policy
15 Action Matrix to provide greater transparency and accountability for
16 responsible departments; and

17 WHEREAS, an update of the Comp Plan provides an opportunity to apply
18 best practices for land use, transportation, and preservation and strategies for
19 regional, interagency transportation and land-use planning; and

20 WHEREAS, an update of the Comp Plan helps protect the public health,
21 safety, and welfare; and

22 WHEREAS, an update to the Comp Plan provides an opportunity to foster
23 increased collaboration and coordination between City of Albuquerque
24 departments and partnering agencies by tracking progress toward regional
25 goals and policies for healthy growth, efficient transportation, infrastructure
26 needs, and development to reflect new market demands, diversify and bolster
27 the economy, better serve all constituents, support efforts to grow and
28 develop in sustainable ways, respect and preserve natural and cultural
29 resources, and improve the quality of life for all residents; and

30 WHEREAS, the Integrated Development Ordinance requires a
31 Comprehensive Plan Amendment to be reviewed and recommended by the
32 Environmental Planning Commission and decided as a legislative action by
33 City Council [§14-16-6-7(A)(2)(c)]; and

1 WHEREAS, the City provided all required notice for a Comprehensive Plan
2 Amendment, including publishing a legal ad in the Albuquerque Journal,
3 emailing two representatives of each neighborhood organization registered
4 with the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC), and posting notice on
5 the Planning Department website; and

6 WHEREAS, the City provided additional notice on a project webpage and
7 emails to approximately 9,500 subscribers on January 10, 2023; and

8 WHEREAS, though a Pre-submittal Neighborhood Meeting is not required
9 for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Council staff held six (6) public review
10 meetings in October and November 2023 to present and discuss the proposed
11 changes to the Comp Plan, respond to questions, and gather feedback; and

12 WHEREAS, the City advertised the public review meetings through multiple
13 social media posts; and

14 WHEREAS, the EPC held a public hearing on January 18, 2024 and found
15 that the proposed amendments satisfy the review and decision criteria for an
16 Amendment of Comprehensive Plan in IDO §14-16-6-7(A)(3) and forwarded to
17 the City Council a recommendation of approval, subject to findings and
18 recommended conditions that are in the record as the Notice of Decision; and

19 WHEREAS, Council staff has incorporated the proposed updates to the
20 Comp Plan along with the EPC recommended conditions of approval into a
21 redline draft for review by City Council.

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

24 SECTION 1. The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan is
25 amended as shown in Exhibit 1 (EPC Redline Draft) as recommended by the
26 EPC, except as modified by amendments adopted subsequently in Section 2
27 and/or Section 3 below.

28 SECTION 2. The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan is
29 amended from Exhibit 1 (EPC Redline Draft) by Committee Amendments
30 approved by the City Council's Land Use, Planning, and Zoning (LUPZ)
31 Committee, as shown in Exhibit 2 (LUPZ Committee Amendments).

32 SECTION 3. The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan is
33 amended from Exhibit 1 (EPC Redline Draft) and/or from Exhibit 2 (LUPZ

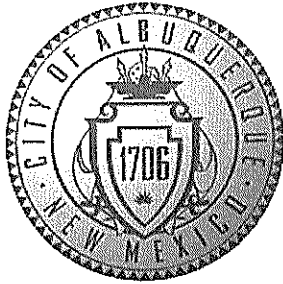
Committee Amendments), as relevant, by Floor Amendments approved by the City Council, as shown in Exhibit 3 (Council Floor Amendments).

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word, or phrase thereof irrespective of any provisions being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

SECTION 5. COMPILATION. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 1, the Code of Resolutions of Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1994.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION. This legislation shall take effect one month after publication by title and general summary.

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Mayor Timothy M. Keller

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Office of the Mayor

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

February 23, 2024

TO: Dan Lewis, President, City Council

FROM: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor 

SUBJECT: Project #2023-009664 – RZ-2023-00052: Adopting an Amendment to the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan

The attached, recommended legislation would adopt text and map amendments to the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan.

BACKGROUND

Council Resolution R-22-42 adopted on August 15, 2022 (Enactment No. R-2022-061) directed the City to update the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan.

The last update to the Comp Plan was adopted in March 2017 and included a matrix of actions to implement policies within each Comp Plan Element (i.e., Community Identity, Land Use, Housing, etc.). This action matrix, included in Section 14.4 of the plan, identified the timeline (e.g., short-term, medium-term, long-term, or ongoing), lead department(s), and coordinating departments/agencies.

The 2023 update is intended to track progress on these actions since 2017 and include narratives and policies identified in parallel planning efforts completed since 2017.

REQUEST

This request is for an amendment to the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan with a limited scope. The primary purpose of this update is to report progress on actions taken by various City departments since 2017 to implement Comp Plan Goals and Policies. This update also incorporates new actions and policies identified in parallel planning efforts since 2017, namely the Vision Zero Action Plan, the Age Friendly Action Plan, the Climate Action Plan, and Community Planning Area Assessments. This update does not propose changes to

growth projections or demographics.

While no change is proposed to the methodology to create the map of Development Areas, this update does include a new Areas of Change / Consistency map that results from re-running the methodology. The updated map reflects new Metropolitan Redevelopment Areas adopted since 2017 and zoning map amendments approved since 2017.

Maps of citywide public facilities have been updated to reflect new fire and police stations, parks, and recreation facilities.

NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to the Integrated Development Ordinance, the required notice for Comp Plan amendments must be published, emailed, and posted on the web. The City published the required notice in the newspaper and sent email notice to two representatives of each registered neighborhood organization. Mailed notice was sent to neighborhood representatives without email addresses, as required, and web notice was posted on the Planning Department website and on the Comp Plan project website: <https://compplan.abq-zone.com/comp-plan-update-2023>.

In addition to the required notice, information about the proposed Comp Plan update was advertised on Instagram, X (formerly Twitter), and LinkedIn, and emailed to the Planning Department distribution list of approximately 9,500 subscribers.

Staff received few comments expressing support or opposition and recommending changes; however, there is general support for the request as a whole.

EPC PROCESS

The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) reviewed the proposed amendments during the properly-noticed public hearing. On January 18, 2024, the EPC heard the staff presentation, took public comment, considered recommended conditions, and voted to forward a recommendation of Approval to the City Council. The Official Notification of Decision for the request contains the EPC's findings and recommended conditions.

CONCLUSION

Regarding Project #PR-2023-009664, RZ-2023-00052, Amendment to the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan, the EPC is forwarding a recommendation of Approval, subject to conditions.

A redline draft of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan that incorporates the EPC's conditions is included with this transmittal of the record for the Council's consideration.

Cover Analysis

1. What is it?

This legislation would amend the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan (“Comp Plan”).

2. What will this piece of legislation do?

This legislation would amend the Comp Plan with progress on actions taken to implement goals and policies since 2017 and incorporate narratives, policies, and actions from parallel planning efforts completed since 2017.

3. Why is this project needed?

The Comp Plan guides land use, transportation, community facilities, and other regional elements that should be coordinated to provide effective and efficient services and high quality of life for our community. The updates reflect changes that have been made since 2017 so that the Comp Plan has the latest information about existing conditions and new adopted policies.

4. How much will it cost and what is the funding source?

There is no cost to the City.

5. Is there a revenue source associated with this contract? If so, what level of income is projected?

There is no revenue expected from this legislation.

6. What will happen if the project is not approved?

The Comp Plan would remain as-is and not be amended. Without the amendments, the Comp Plan would not include the actions already taken toward implementing goals and policies or new policies identified through parallel planning efforts since 2017.

7. Is this service already provided by another entity?

Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

TITLE: Adopting an Amendment to the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan R: O:
 FUND: 110
 DEPT: 4926000

- ☒ 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				-
Property			-	-
Indirect Costs	-			-
Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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Amount of Grant	-			-
City Cash Match	-	-	-	-
City Inkind Match		-	-	-
City IDOH *15.30	-			-
Total Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

These estimates do not include any adjustment for inflation.

* Range if not easily quantifiable.

Number of Positions created 0

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

This legislation would amend the Comprehensive Plan text to reflect progress on actions to implement goals and policies, to incorporate actions and policies identified in parallel planning efforts completed since the last Comp Plan update in 2017, and to update maps with new community facilities and Metropolitan Redevelopment Plans.

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