

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

NINETEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-10-52 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Brad Winter

1 RESOLUTION

2 DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
3 TO REDUCE THE ESCALATING OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL COSTS OF
4 MAINTAINING THE CURRENT FLEET OF POLICE VEHICLES AND TO PROVIDE
5 A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL.

6 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) currently has 1,056
7 vehicles in its fleet; and

8 WHEREAS, 973 of those vehicles are “take home” cars assigned to
9 officers; and

10 WHEREAS, the collective bargaining agreement between the City and the
11 Albuquerque Police Officer’s Association provides for a Take Home Car Plan
12 within the sole prerogative of the Chief of Police; and

13 WHEREAS, 195 officers live outside of the City and Bernalillo County; and

14 WHEREAS, on average patrol cars are driven between 16,000 and 18,000
15 miles per year; and

16 WHEREAS, while the Take Home Car Plan allows for very limited personal
17 use of take home cars there is public perception that the vehicles are being
18 used for many personal errands; and

19 WHEREAS, APD desires to replace its vehicles once they have reached
20 75,000 to 85,000 miles; and

21 WHEREAS, such a replacement schedule requires replacing over 200
22 vehicles per year at an annual cost of between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, over an 18 month period, officers were involved in 349 vehicle
25 collisions; and

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1 WHEREAS, officers with one and two years of service accounted for 14% of
2 preventable collisions during that same 18 month period; and

3 WHEREAS, APD officers “total” more than 60 vehicles per year in auto
4 collisions and the department is only partially reimbursed by insurance for
5 those accidents; and

6 WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the benefits of a well managed take
7 home car plan (i.e., police presence in Albuquerque neighborhoods); however,
8 the costs of the program as it is currently administered appear to outweigh the
9 benefits.

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

12 Section 1. The Administration is directed to develop a comprehensive cost
13 reduction plan for maintaining and replacing the APD vehicle fleet. The plan
14 shall include an evaluation of the fleet including miles driven per year,
15 maintenance costs, fuel costs, crash costs, replacement costs, etc. The plan
16 shall address the Take Home Car Plan currently in place. The plan shall
17 evaluate why vehicles should continue to be driven outside of Bernalillo
18 County and how the “personal use” policy should be revised so that costs are
19 reduced and the policy is adhered to. The plan shall also include a review of
20 all driver training policies and procedures in an effort to reduce the number of
21 officer involved vehicle crashes. The plan shall also examine the potential to
22 expand the use of pool vehicles where possible.

23 Section 2. The plan shall be submitted to the Council as an Executive
24 Communication Report within 2-weeks of the adoption of this Resolution.