

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SECOND COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-17-171 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 REAFFIRMING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
3 AND THE UNITED STATES PARK SERVICE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND
4 PROTECTION OF THE PETROGLYPH NATIONAL MONUMENT AND CALLING
5 FOR THE CREATION OF A JOINT VISITOR USE AND RESOURCE
6 MANAGEMENT PLAN.

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico is blessed with a unique cultural treasure
8 including petroglyphs of ancient cultures in the Petroglyph National
9 Monument; and

10 WHEREAS, the PL-101-313 an Act of Congress, June 27, 1990 (104 STAT.
11 274) established the Petroglyph National Monument and mandated that the
12 National Park Service concurrently with the City of Albuquerque administer,
13 manage and protect the Monument in such a manner as to preserve, for the
14 benefit and enjoyment of future generations, its cultural and natural
15 resources, and to provide for the interpretation of and research on such
16 resources; and

17 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque owns approximately 4,200 acres within
18 the boundary of the Petroglyph National Monument and owns approximately
19 2,200 acres of Major Public Open Space on the boundary of the Monument;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the United States National Park Service and the City of
22 Albuquerque, in 1991 (renewed in May, 2013) entered into an agreement to
23 manage the Petroglyph National Monument jointly (“the agreement”), and
24 have, since that time, provided maintenance on the land and facilities of the
25 Monument at considerable cost to each; and

1 WHEREAS, the Petroglyph National Monument is located in an expanding
2 urban area and is continuously subject to new incursions from surrounding
3 urbanization, and the City of Albuquerque approves new development close
4 to, and even abutting the Monument boundary.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
6 ALBUQUERQUE:

7 Section 1. The Parks Department shall work with the National Parks Service
8 to create a Joint Visitor Use and Resource Management Plan (“the plan”) for
9 the Monument, incorporating current and anticipated demands for
10 preservation and maintenance of the Monument including the following
11 components:

- 12 A. The plan shall specify the visitor capacity, level of use and expected
13 requirements for preservation of the cultural and natural resources of
14 the Monument.
- 15 B. The plan shall define the requirements for security and cultural
16 preservation of the Monument, particularly the petroglyphs, and specify
17 the methods for securing the Monument and authorizing new points of
18 access.
- 19 C. The plan shall endeavor to protect the Monument from urban incursions
20 including by limiting access points, limiting new trails; by excluding all
21 motorized vehicles (except official vehicles), aerial drones, wheeled
22 vehicles (except wheelchairs and strollers); by prohibiting unescorted
23 group passage in sensitive areas, and by prohibiting other activities
24 harmful to the purpose of preservation of the cultural and natural
25 resources.
- 26 D. The plan shall include appropriate, low-impact educational and cultural
27 points of interest and escorted interpretive tour routes for both tourists
28 and local students, groups, and individual visitors.

29 Section 2. The City planning process, including recommendations made
30 by the Open Space Advisory Board, and decisions or recommendations by the
31 Department of Parks and Recreation, the Planning Department, the
32 Environmental Planning Commission, the Development Review Board, and
33 any other relevant City agencies, shall implement the planned limits on access

1 and incursions into the Monument by applying the relevant policies from the
2 plan and imposing requirements and reasonable conditions for newly
3 proposed or amended subdivisions applications, or other relevant land use
4 applications, to help prohibit or limit access points to the monument
5 consistent with plan, and to prevent the expansion of bicycle or other trails
6 into the Monument and other activities injurious to the petroglyphs.

7 Section 3. The plan shall guide City planning decisions, regulations, and
8 City operations for development and infrastructure near the Monument,
9 including special design requirements for Unser Boulevard.

10 Section 4. City budgets shall prioritize sufficient funding in accordance
11 with the agreement and the City's responsibilities in the Joint Visitor Use and
12 Resource Management Plan, including maintaining fencing, repairing surface
13 damage to the terrain, closing unauthorized access points, removing trash,
14 debris, and materials dumped in the Monument boundary, and providing part
15 of the educational and cultural program managed by the National Park
16 Service. City budgets shall also prioritize adequate law enforcement for
17 preventing unauthorized vehicles from traveling in the Monument,
18 unauthorized access by pedestrians or bicyclists, damage to fences, signs or
19 facilities of the Monument, and damage to the petroglyphs.

20 Section 5. At least once per year, the Open Space Advisory Board shall
21 review the Joint Visitor Use and Resource Management Plan to assess its
22 proper implementation, its adequacy for preserving the petroglyphs and
23 natural resources and any improvements made under the plan, and shall
24 advise the National Park Service, the Mayor, and the City Council of its
25 recommendations.

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