

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY THIRD COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-19-199 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 ADJUSTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS TO
3 PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PARTY PATROL PROGRAM.

4 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque has as one of its goals to enhance
5 local law enforcement efforts thereby providing for the public safety and
6 welfare; and

7 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque is committed to providing law
8 enforcement support to combat underage drinking by reducing alcohol-related
9 crashes, injuries, and deaths; and

10 WHEREAS, 1,544 New Mexicans died from alcohol-related causes in 2018,
11 up six percent from 2017; and

12 WHEREAS, the New Mexico Department of Health reports New Mexico has
13 had the highest alcohol-related death rate of any U.S. state in recent decades;
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15 WHEREAS, one of the most abused drugs in the United States is alcohol
16 that many people start using at a very young age; and

17 WHEREAS, one drink can impair decision-making and slow down reaction
18 time; and

19 WHEREAS, underage drinking is linked to crime, violence, and safety
20 concerns; and

21 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Police Department's Party Patrol Program is a
22 comprehensive enforcement, prevention, and educational program designed
23 to prevent underage drinking and the severe consequences that can follow;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Police Department reported October 1, 2019,
26 that authorities are seeing an increase in dangerous crimes at house parties

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1 involving minors and state that house parties involving alcohol, involving
2 uninvited guests and gun violence is a major problem they want to address;
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4 WHEREAS, in the past, the Party Patrol program has been hugely
5 successful by reducing the number of “Minor in Possession” citations,
6 reducing the sale of alcohol to minors by local vendors, and increasing felony
7 arrests of adults who purchase alcohol for minors; and

8 WHEREAS, the Party Patrol had also been successful with recovering
9 firearms when responding to party calls; and

10 WHEREAS, December 2004 the City reported the Party Patrol Officers
11 responded to 304 party calls and recovered 23 firearms in an eight-month
12 span; and

13 WHEREAS, we are seeing an alarming amount of gun-related offenses
14 involving teenagers, with charges ranging from weapon-law violations to
15 murder; and

16 WHEREAS, juveniles report that they are most likely to carry guns at
17 parties or say they came in possession of a firearm at parties; and

18 WHEREAS, the Party Patrol works with community partners and volunteers
19 to distribute educational materials to individuals of all ages at community
20 events; and

21 WHEREAS, in addition, Party Patrol Officers are sent out to public and
22 private high schools in the metropolitan area to educate kids about the
23 dangers of underage drinking and the associated risks; and

24 WHEREAS, the City Council feels that continued funding for the Party
25 Patrol is essential to the safety of Albuquerque's young people; and

26 WHEREAS, Grant Omnibus Resolution R-19-172 was approved by the City
27 Council on September 18, 2019, and included an appropriation of a grant in the
28 amount of \$42,000 for the Party Patrol program; and

29 WHEREAS, to date, APD has expended a majority of the grant funding on
30 efforts to reduce the sale of liquor to minors and the purchase of alcohol by
31 adults on behalf of minors; and

32 WHEREAS, the City recently received a lump-sum distribution of New
33 Mexico Gross Receipts Tax for catch-up payments from retailers who were

1 misreporting location information to the New Mexico Tax and Revenue
2 Department; and

3 WHEREAS, excess funding from the lump sum distributions is available in
4 the General Fund to supplement grant funding for the Party Patrol program.

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

7 Section 1. That the following appropriation is made from the available
8 fund balance to the following program for the Fiscal Year 2020:

9 GENERAL FUND - 110

10 Police Department

11 Neighborhood Policing \$150,000

12 This amount is designated for Party Patrol activities

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