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**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE**  
**TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO.   R-22-38   ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORED BY: Pat Davis

RESOLUTION

Designating The University Metropolitan Redevelopment Area, Making Certain Findings And Conclusions Pursuant To The Metropolitan Redevelopment Code, And Authorizing The City To Prepare A Metropolitan Redevelopment Plan For The University Metropolitan Redevelopment Area (Davis)

WHEREAS, Section 3-60A-7 NMSA 1978 of the MR Code states: “No local government shall exercise any of the powers conferred upon local governments by the Redevelopment Law until the local government has adopted a resolution finding that:

- A. one or more slum area or blighted areas exist in the local government’s jurisdiction; and
- B. the rehabilitation, conservation, slum clearance, redevelopment or development, or a combination thereof, of and in such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, morals or welfare of the residents of the local government’s jurisdiction”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque (“City”) and the Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency (“MRA”) of the City and their employees and agents, have for some time, engaged in a study of blighted areas within the City and have submitted their findings and conclusions concerning the area detailed in the University Metropolitan Redevelopment Area (“University MR Area”) Designation Report, which is attached as Exhibit B to this Resolution and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-60A-8(A) NMSA 1978 of the MR Code, the Council caused to be published in the Albuquerque Journal, a newspaper of general circulation, a notice

containing a general description of the proposed University MR Area and the date, time and place where the Council will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of this Resolution and such notice was published twice with the last publication at least twenty days prior to the Council hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the Designation Report, including Findings, Determinations, and Conclusions in addition to the questions and comments submitted by members of the public concerning the proposed University MR Area.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council makes the following Findings of Fact with respect to the designation of the University MR Area:

A. The University MR Area is shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A. The University MR Area is located along Central Boulevard, between University Boulevard SE and Girard Boulevard SE, and Yale Boulevard between Central Ave SE and St. Cyr Ave SE. The geographic boundaries generally include properties along the Central corridor between Central and Silver Ave SE between Girard and Yale; between Central and Gold SE between Yale and University; and extends South along Yale to St. Cyr, typically one or two parcels deep in the East and West directions.

B. The University MR Area meets the definition of a blighted area as defined in Section 3-60A-4(F) NMSA 1978 of the MR Code. The presence of the following conditions is substantially impairing the sound growth and economic health and well-being of the City: (1) a substantial number of deteriorated or deteriorating structures; (2) deterioration of site improvements; (3) a significant number of commercial or mercantile businesses have closed or significantly reduced their hours of operation due to the economic losses or loss of profit due to operating in the area; (4) a lack of adequate housing; and (5) low levels of commercial activity or redevelopment.

C. The combination of the above stated factors is an economic and social burden and is a menace to the public health, safety, morals or welfare of the residents of Albuquerque, and the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment or development, or a combination thereof, of and in such area is necessary.

SECTION 2. In accordance with the requirements of Section 3-60A-8 NMSA 1978, the Council hereby designates the area that is described in Section 1.A above, and shown in the official University MR Boundary map attached hereto as Exhibit A, to be a 'metropolitan redevelopment

area' as defined by Section 3-60A-4 (M) NMSA 1978 and finds it to be appropriate for a metropolitan redevelopment project or projects. This area shall be referred to as the University MR Area to distinguish it from other metropolitan redevelopment areas.

SECTION 3. The MRA of the City is hereby authorized to prepare a Metropolitan Redevelopment Plan, as defined by Section 3-60A-4 (N) NMSA 1978, for the University MR Area, which, without limitation, shall: (1) Seek to eliminate the problems created by the blighted conditions of the area; (2) Conform to and coordinate with the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan, and any other applicable plans or policies; and (3) Be sufficient to indicate the proposed activities to be carried out in the area, including, but not limited to, any proposals for land acquisition, redevelopment, improvements, rehabilitation and conservation and the plan's relationship to definite local objectives respecting land uses, improved traffic patterns and controls, public transportation, public utilities, recreational and community facilities, housing facilities, commercial activities or enterprises, and other public improvements.

SECTION 4. INCORPORATION. This shall be incorporated into Chapter 1 (Land Use), Article 12 (Metropolitan Redevelopment Areas and Plans) of the Albuquerque Code of Resolutions.

SECTION 5. 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.