

CREATING A CRUISING TASK FORCE TO EXPLORE OPTIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE CRUISING IN THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE.

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque has a Cruising on Public Streets Ordinance that allows for the City Council to limit cruising calling it “a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare through congestion created by the repetitive, unnecessary driving of motor vehicles”; and

WHEREAS, cruising, when done responsibly, is deeply ingrained in the Culture of the Southwest and woven into the cultural fabric and heritage of the City; and

WHEREAS, responsible cruising may not be a threat to the health, public safety and welfare of Albuquerque, but the Council acknowledges that not all cruisers are responsible; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the issue of cruising, both responsible and irresponsible, be studied by those most affected by it, with the goal of encouraging responsible cruising and discouraging irresponsible cruising.

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

Section 1. A ten (10) member Cruising Task Force is established.

Section 2. The Task Force shall be made up of the following members:

A. Three merchant representatives appointed by the Council with knowledge and interest in issues and community impacts associated with cruising;

B. Three car club representatives appointed by the Council with knowledge and interest in issues and community impacts associated with cruising;

C. One City staff member from the Albuquerque Police Department;

D. One City staff member from the Municipal Development Department;

E. One City staff member from the Planning Department;

F. One City staff member from the Council Services Department.

Section 3. This Task Force shall explore: a) specific forms of behavior among cruisers that are acceptable and those that should not be tolerated within City limits; b) general expectations of responsible cruisers, such as members of car clubs; c) options for encouraging responsible cruising; d) options for efficient law enforcement methods that incorporate community policing policies in cooperation with the cruising community; e)

and any other relevant and helpful options relating to this issue. The Task Force shall hold at least one community outreach event to solicit input from stakeholders and the larger community, and shall establish a community group of stakeholders to advise it as they develop their recommendations for the Mayor and the Council. This Task Force shall prepare a list of recommendations for the Mayor and Council's consideration by no later than April 1, 2018.

Section 4. This Task Force is a fact finding and recommending body and not a final policy making body; accordingly, any meetings of this Task Force are not subject to the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

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