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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-20-36 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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RESOLUTION

Urging The United States Congress To Amend Or Enact Provisions Of The Cares Act To Allow For Reimbursement To Local Governments For The Recapture Of Lost Revenues Due To The Corona Virus Pandemic (Peña)

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AMEND OR ENACT PROVISIONS OF THE CARES ACT TO ALLOW FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE RECAPTURE OF LOST REVENUES DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the President signed into law the U.S. government's Phase 3 aid package to provide relief due to the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act"); and

WHEREAS, to qualify for reimbursement from the CARES Act funds, the costs incurred by the local government must be necessary expenditures due to the public health emergency resulting from the pandemic. The expenditures must not be accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment, and the expenses must have been incurred from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the mandatory closing of non-essential businesses and social distancing measures in response to pandemic will result in a reduction of New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax (NMGRT) and other General Fund fee revenues the City expects to receive in Fiscal Year 2020, resulting in an operating budget deficit; and

WHEREAS, as of April 17, 2020, the City's Department of Finance and Administration has

projected that NMGRT revenues for Fiscal Year 2020 will drop by 6%, or approximately \$25.8 million, due to revenues lost during the response to the Corona Virus; and other fee based revenues will drop by 2.0%, or approximately \$1.7 million; and

WHEREAS, a survey conducted by the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) , the National League of Cities (NLC), and the National Association of Counties of more than 2,100 local government officials shows that nearly all communities with a population above 500,000 will see a revenue decline this year due to the Coronavirus pandemic; and more than half of those surveyed report that these revenue reductions will impact core city functions, including police hiring and retention, and public safety.

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

SECTION 1. The City of Albuquerque urges the United States Congress to amend or enact provisions of the CARES Act and interim spending bill to allow for reimbursement to local governments for the recapture of lost revenues due to the Corona Virus Pandemic.

SECTION 2. That this resolution be delivered and presented to members of the New Mexico Congressional delegation.

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