

City of Albuquerque

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Legislation Text

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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY FIETH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO	R-22-56	ENACTMENT NO.	-
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RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM FOR SAFE OUTDOOR SPACES AS REGULATED IN THE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS OR UNTIL THE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE IS AMENDED, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST.

WHEREAS, O-22-10 established a new land use in the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) called Safe Outdoor Spaces; and

WHEREAS, Safe Outdoor Spaces are defined as: "A lot, or a portion of a lot, developed to provide designated spaces for occupancy by tents, recreational vehicles, and/or light vehicles. Designated spaces are provided to occupants at no charge. A safe outdoor space offers social services and support facilities."; and

WHEREAS, Safe Outdoor Spaces may have unavoidable adverse impacts on the communities in which they are placed; and

WHEREAS, during the deliberation of O-22-10 there was broad opposition to the concept of Safe Outdoor Spaces; and

WHEREAS, there are other viable, more appropriate solutions to addressing homelessness in Albuquerque such as utilizing existing overnight shelter beds, increasing access to services, and incentivizing housing development; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons Safe Outdoor Spaces are not an appropriate allowable land use in the IDO; and

WHEREAS, Safe Outdoor Spaces should be removed in its entirety from the IDO; and

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WHEREAS, this moratorium will allow time for a companion ordinance to be considered by both the Environmental Planning Commission and the City Council that proposes to remove Safe Outdoor Spaces from the IDO.

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

SECTION 1. LAND USE APPLICATIONS AND APPROVALS. The City of Albuquerque shall not accept or approve any pending building permits or land use applications or requests for Safe Outdoor Spaces until the sooner of August 1st 2023, or upon final action by the City Council on bill O-22-33, after which time the City shall take no action inconsistent with bill O-22-33.

SECTION 2. CITY PROPERTY. The City shall not authorize the operation of a Safe Outdoor Space on City property, shall halt any pending review or authorization process in furtherance of the occupancy of City property for this purpose, and shall not enter into any new lease or other agreement for this purpose during the duration of this moratorium.

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