

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY SEVENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-26-29 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 RESOLUTION  
2 ADOPTING A PROPOSITION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE  
3 NEXT ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE CONCERNING  
4 UPDATING THE DEDICATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY GROSS RECEIPTS  
5 TAX.

6 WHEREAS, The City of Albuquerque imposes a one-fourth of one percent  
7 Public Safety Gross Receipts Tax that was approved by voters in 2004 to  
8 support essential public safety services (Ordinance Number O-04-8 /  
9 Enactment Number O-2004-006); and

10 WHEREAS, The Public Safety Tax is dedicated to specific public safety  
11 departments and categories, reflecting the intent of the voters that funds be  
12 used for those clearly defined purposes (ROA 1994, §§ 4-3-8-5 et seq.); and

13 WHEREAS, When adopted in 2004, the Public Safety Tax dedicated funds  
14 as follows: Police 34%; Fire/Emergency Preparedness 34%; Corrections 6%;  
15 Crime Prevention and Intervention 26%; and

16 WHEREAS, The City's approach to public safety has evolved to a model  
17 that now includes the Albuquerque Community Safety Department (ACS) as a  
18 third public safety department that works alongside the Albuquerque Police  
19 Department (APD) and Albuquerque Fire Rescue (AFR) as a third option for  
20 911 dispatch; and

21 WHEREAS, ACS dispatches first responders to 911 calls, with or without  
22 first responders from APD or AFR, on public safety matters related to  
23 inebriation, homelessness, addiction, and other issues that do not require  
24 police or EMS response; and

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1       WHEREAS, ACS plays a critical role in the City’s public safety system by  
2 providing essential safety intervention, prevention, and outreach, and should  
3 be included in the dedication of the City’s Public Safety Tax; and

4       WHEREAS, Code Enforcement plays an essential role in the City’s public  
5 safety model and functions as a public safety service alongside APD, AFR,  
6 and ACS, by addressing hazardous conditions that threaten life and property;  
7 and

8       WHEREAS, Code Enforcement directly reduces risks to life and safety by  
9 addressing issues such as dangerous conditions, unsafe structures, and fire  
10 hazards and also serves a prevention-focused public safety function by  
11 identifying and resolving hazards before they result in injury, death, or  
12 emergency response; and

13       WHEREAS, Code Enforcement activities mitigate environments that  
14 contribute to crime and harm, including abandoned or neglected properties  
15 used for illegal activity and unsafe housing conditions that threaten resident  
16 safety and contribute to broader public safety risks; and

17       WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the residents of the City of  
18 Albuquerque to place a question on the ballot of the November 3, 2026  
19 General Election regarding whether to update the dedication of the Public  
20 Safety Tax to include Albuquerque Community Safety and City Code  
21 Enforcement.

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

24       **SECTION 1.** The City Clerk is instructed to place the following proposition  
25 on the 2026 General Election ballot, and the qualified voters of the City of  
26 Albuquerque shall be permitted to vote on the proposal. In consultation with  
27 the Bernalillo County Clerk and/or the Secretary of State, the City Clerk shall  
28 have the authority to modify the proposal as to form to conform with  
29 applicable law.

30       **SECTION 2. QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED.** The City Clerk is instructed to  
31 coordinate with the Bernalillo County Clerk to submit the following summary,  
32 title, and complete text of the following proposition to the City’s qualified,

1 registered voters, who shall be permitted to vote on the proposal. The ballot  
2 face shall be in substantially the following form:

3 **OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT**

4 **GENERAL ELECTION**

5 **HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2026**

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7 **PROPOSITION**

8 **Proposition to amend the dedication of the City's Public Safety Gross**  
9 **Receipts Tax.**

10 **SUMMARY**

11 **This proposition would amend the City's existing Public Safety Gross**  
12 **Receipts Tax to dedicate funds to the following uses: Police 35%;**  
13 **Fire/Emergency Preparedness 35%; Code Enforcement 5%; Albuquerque**  
14 **Community Safety 25%.**

15 **TITLE AND PROPOSITION**

16 **PROPOSING TO AMEND THE DEDICATION OF THE CITY'S PUBLIC SAFETY**  
17 **GROSS RECEIPTS TAX**

18 **Shall the City of Albuquerque update the dedication of the existing one-**  
19 **quarter of one percent Public Safety Gross Receipts Tax to dedicate funds**  
20 **specifically and only for the following uses: Police 35%; Fire/Emergency**  
21 **Preparedness 35%; Code Enforcement 5%; Albuquerque Community Safety**  
22 **25%. This is an update to an existing tax. This will not increase the tax rate.**

23 **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, paragraph, sentence, word, or  
24 **phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable**  
25 **by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the**  
26 **validity of the remaining provisions of this Resolution. The Council hereby**  
27 **declares that it would have passed this Resolution and each section,**  
28 **paragraph, sentence, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any provision**  
29 **being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.**

30 **SECTION 4.** The City Clerk shall file this Resolution with the Bernalillo  
31 **County Clerk immediately upon its effective date and shall forward a copy of**  
32 **the transmittal to the City Council President and Director of Council Services.**  
33 **Not less than 90 days before the election at which this ballot question is**

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1 proposed to be submitted to the voters, the City Clerk shall provide  
2 confirmation to the City Council President and Director of Council Services  
3 that this ballot question has been submitted and will appear on the 2026  
4 General Election ballot.

5 SECTION 5. The City Clerk is directed to develop and administer an  
6 educational campaign that will inform the public about the proposal to update  
7 the dedication of the Public Safety Tax. The City Clerk shall emphasize that  
8 this proposal updates an existing tax and will not increase the tax rate.

9 SECTION 6. Pending voter approval, the amended language and  
10 dedication of the tax shall become effective July 1, 2027.]

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