



## Frequently Used Acronyms and Their Definitions

Acronym	Stands for	Definition
AAE	Adult Amusement Establishment	An establishment such as an auditorium, bar, cabaret, concert hall, nightclub, restaurant, theater, or other commercial establishment that provides amusement or entertainment featuring one or more of the following: (1) A live performance, act or escort service distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on the depiction, description, exposure, or representation of specified anatomical areas or the conduct or simulation of specified sexual activities; or (2) Audio or video displays, computer displays, films, motion pictures, slides or other visual representations or recordings characterized or distinguished by an emphasis on the depiction, description, exposure or representation of specified anatomical areas or the conduct or simulation of specified sexual activities.
ABCWUA	Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority	Provides water and wastewater services to the greater Albuquerque metropolitan area.
ABQ RIDE	City Transit Department	Department responsible for providing fixed-route bus service and paratransit Sun Van service to the Albuquerque community and beyond, and works to get people where they want to go.
AFD	Albuquerque Fire Department	Serve dual roles as both fire fighters and emergency medical technicians. Their mission is to save lives and protect property and the environment.
AGIS	Albuquerque Geographic Information System	Group who creates and maintains maps.
AMAFA	Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority	Agency responsible for building and maintaining flood control structures to help alleviate flooding.
APD	Albuquerque Police Department	Works to providing a safe and secure community.
BID	Business Improvement District	A defined area within which businesses are required to pay an additional tax (or levy) in order to fund projects within the district's boundaries.
ZBOA	Zoning Board of Appeals	Board who participates in part of the process for appeals of special exceptions.
CCIP	Component Capital Improvements Plan (Impact Fees)	Impact fees are a charge of assessment imposed by the City on new development in order to generate revenue for funding or recouping the costs of capital improvements rationally related to new development in accordance with applicable law. Capital improvements include: roads, drainage facilities, fire stations, police stations, parks, open space and trails. Impact fees are assessed and collected during the building permit process.
CIP	Capital Implementation Program	Program intended to implement the City's adopted goals and objectives. Previously known as the Capital Improvements Program.
CRS	Combined Reporting System	After registering you will receive a New Mexico tax identification number. Use this number to report and pay state and local option gross receipts tax, New Mexico withholding tax and compensating



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		<p>tax under the Combined Reporting System (CRS). Known as a CRS Identification Number, it is used to report and pay tax collected on gross receipts from business conducted in New Mexico.</p> <p>A business needs the CRS Identification Number to register a business at the city.</p>
DMD	Department of Municipal Development	City Department that handles streets, city facilities, storm drains, traffic signals, and parking.
DPM	Development Process Manual	City Engineers refer to this manual for design specifications for infrastructure development improvements as well as to approve private sector development proposals.
DRB	Development Review Board	Board that makes decisions related to the City Subdivision Ordinance.
EHD	Environmental Health Department	City Department that handles air quality, food safety, pest management, urban wildlife and pharmaceutical disposal.
EIN	Employer Identification Number	A unique number that identifies the organization to the Internal Revenue Service.
EPC	Environmental Planning Commission	Reviews and approves requests regarding zone changes, site development plans, annexations, and amendments to the Zoning Code and Rank Plans.
FGO	Finance and Government Operations	Committee of the Council, made up of 5 Councilors.
HOZ	Historic Overlay Zones	A zoning district that is placed over an existing base zone or zones which is suitable for preservation and which has historical, architectural, or cultural significance.
HOA	Homeowners Association	An organization in a subdivision that enforces rules for properties within its boundaries.
IDO	Integrated Development Ordinance	The Integrated Development Ordinance is an update to the City's regulatory land use framework, including the zoning code. It's the implementation document complimentary to the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan.
LUCC	Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission	Reviews and recommends requests based on historic properties that should be preserved or areas worthy of conservation.
LUHO	Land-Use Hearing Officer	Hears appeals of Environmental Planning Commission, Landmarks & Urban Conservation Commission and Development Review Board decisions. The City Council makes the final decision based on the hearing officer's report.
LUPZ	Land Use Planning and Zoning	Committee of the Council, made up of 5 Councilors.
MRA	Metropolitan Redevelopment Area	Areas identified by the Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency that promotes both housing and commercial redevelopment in distressed areas.
MRCOG	Mid Region Council of Governments	Multi-County governmental agency that helps our region plan for the future based on population growth projections.



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MRGCD	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District	Offers irrigation, flood control and responsible water conservation services to irrigators and farmers in the middle agricultural region of the state.
NA	Neighborhood Association	A group of residents, property owners, businesses, and non-profits who come together to form a community within a specific geographical area.
NAICS	North American Industry Classification System	The standard used by Federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments for the purpose of collecting, analyzing, and publishing statistical data related to the U.S. business economy.
NAO	Notice And Order	Notice of a substandard building sent to property owner and posted on property. That lets the owner and public know that the building is unsafe to be occupied until all issues have been corrected.
NMDOT	New Mexico Department of Transportation	State department responsible for providing a safe and efficient transportation system for the traveling public while promoting economic development and preserving the environment of New Mexico.
NOV	Notice Of Violation	Notice sent to property owner advising of any zoning violations on a property and the corrective measure that needs to be performed to bring property into compliance with zoning ordinances.
ONC	Office of Neighborhood Coordination	Division responsible for supporting neighborhoods, connecting neighborhoods to City Departments, and maintaining neighborhood representative contact lists for official communications.
OSD	City Open Space, a division of the Parks & Recreation Department	Division that works to acquire and protect that natural character of land designated as major public Open Space.
PID	Public Improvement District	A special assessment area created at the request of the property owners within a designated boundary. These owners pay a supplemental assessment with their taxes, which the PID uses for services above and beyond existing City services.
PIO	Public Information Officer	The communications coordinator or spokesperson for a department. Typically responsible for sending out information to the media.
PSI-EXAM	Psychometrics Inc Exam	Construction Contractor's Licenses Database for the State of New Mexico. You must be in this database in order to obtain a building permit.
SAD	Special Assessment District	A geographic area in which the market value of real estate is enhanced due to public improvements. A tax is levied on individual property owners to recover the costs of the public improvement.
SOB	Sexually Oriented Business	Any business that deals with anything of a sexual nature including clothing, books, magazines, toys, sex aides, live entertainment, movies, etc.



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TIDD	Tax Increment Development District	A public financing method that is used as a subsidy for redevelopment, infrastructure, and other community-improvement projects.
TRD	Taxation and Revenue Department of New Mexico	Charged with the task of collecting tax dollars and distributing them according to state law. It administers taxation, revenue and motor vehicle laws.
WTF	Wireless Telecommunications Facility	A facility that transmits and/or receives signals or waves radiated or captured by a wireless telecommunications antenna. It may include: antennas of all kinds including microwave dishes, horns, and other types of equipment for the transmission or reception of such signals, telecommunications tower or similar structures supporting said equipment, equipment buildings or cabinets, parking area, and/or other accessory development.
WUA	Water Utility Authority	See Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA) above.
ZHE	Zoning Hearing Examiner	The Zoning Hearing Examiner conducts monthly public hearings regarding special exceptions to the Zoning Code. A special exception is the allowance to develop property in a manner different from what is prescribed by a particular zone category.