

THIS AMENDMENT PASSED ON A 9-0 VOTE.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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CITY COUNCIL**

May 15, 2025

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO C/S R-25-132

AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR Brook Bassan

1. On page 4, line 31 entitled "Purchasing" decrease the amount by \$161,000
2. On page 6, line 1 entitled "Design Recovered CIP" decrease the amount by \$132,000
3. On page 6, line 3 entitled "Real Property" decrease the amount by \$138,000
4. On page 6, line 13 entitled "Office of the City Clerk" decrease the amount by \$147,000
5. On page 7, line 10 entitled "Professional Accountability" decrease the amount by \$535,000
6. On page 5, line 29 entitled "Legal Services" increase the amount by \$1,113,000

Explanation: This amendment reallocates General Fund appropriations for attorneys from multiple departments into the Legal Department.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO C/S R-25-132

AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR Renée Grout

1. On page 4, line 15 entitled "Economic Development" increase the amount by \$1,000
2. On page 4, line 22 entitled "Strategic Support" increase the amount by \$6,000
3. On page 4, line 32 entitled "Strategic Support" increase the amount by \$5,000
4. On page 5, line 23 entitled "Strategic Support" increase the amount by \$1,000
5. On page 5, line 29 entitled "Legal Services" increase the amount by \$6,000
6. On page 6, line 26 entitled "Strategic Support" increase the amount by \$1,000
7. On page 7, line 10 entitled "Professional Accountability" increase the amount by \$9,000
8. On page 7, line 15 entitled "Strategic Support" increase the amount by \$2,000
9. On page 7, line 18 entitled "Citizen Services" increase the amount by \$3,000
10. On page 7, line 20 entitled "Information Services" increase the amount by \$3,000
11. On page 7, line 27 entitled "Educational Initiatives" increase the amount by \$2,000
12. On page 3, line 26 entitled "Chief Administrative Office" decrease the amount by \$37,000
13. On page 5, line 31 entitled "Mayor's Office" decrease the amount by \$2,000

Explanation: This amendment corrects the inclusion of an additional 2% COLA that was added on top of total compensation, which already includes the 2% COLA.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO C/S R-25-132

AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR Bassan/Fiebelkorn

1. On page 4, line 13, entitled "Council Services" decrease the amount by \$200,000
2. On page 5, line 19 entitled "Health and Human Services" increase the amount by \$200,000
2. On page 8, beginning on line 9, amend the following:

This increased funding shall be used for tourism projects, including the Cycling USAC Masters Championship [(\$350,000)], the City's Indoor Track [(\$320,000)], and programming funds for Bands of Enchantment [(\$580,000), Fusion & Route 66 Events (\$90,000), Globalbuquerque & Route 66 Events (\$50,000), NM Music Festival (\$50,000), AfroMundo Festival (\$10,000)]

Explanation: This amendment allocates \$200,000 to increase Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club NM, JR Achievement, and the YMCA by \$50,000 each, bringing the total of their sponsorships to \$100,000 each for FY26 while also specifies the increase in the Lodger's Tax subsidy for which projects.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO C/S R-25-132

AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR Klarissa Peña

1. On page 3, line 18, entitled "Community Events" increase the amount by \$500,000
2. On page 8, line 8, increase the amount by \$500,000.

Explanation: This amendment increases the transfer from the Lodgers Tax Fund, 220, to the Arts and Culture Community Events program for the purpose of adding Route 66 Centennial Planning & Improvements nonrecurring line item.

THIS AMENDMENT FAILED ON A 2-7 VOTE.

For: Champine, Lewis

Against: Baca, Bassan, Fiebelkorn, Grout, Peña, Rogers, Sanchez

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO C/S R-25-132

AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR Dan Lewis

1. On page 3, line 26 entitled "Chief Administrative Office", reduce amount by \$334,000
2. On page 6, after line 28, insert the following:

[The daily admission fees for the Aquatics program shall be reduced by \$0.50 per person in each of the following categories: Adult, Teen, Child, Water Aerobics/Therapy, Spectator, and Friday Night Special Entry.]

Explanation: This amendment reduces appropriations for the Chief Administrative Office, removing positions of Deputy Director of Public Affairs and Communications and Community Outreach Director to offset anticipated revenue decrease resulting from a \$0.50 reduction in daily admission fees for the Aquatics program. It also accounts for a 10% reduction in restaurant inspection permit fees, excluding Mobile Unit inspection fees, which shall be reduced by 50%. These fee changes are contingent upon a future amendment to the Food and Beverage Ordinance to formalize the reductions. The combined estimated revenue impact is approximately \$266,000.

THIS AMENDED FAILED ON A 3-6 VOTE.
For: Champine, Grout, Lewis
Against: Baca, Bassan, Fiebelkorn, Peña, Rogers, Sanchez

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO C/S R-25-132
AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR Dan Lewis

1. On page 6, after line 28, insert the following:

[City of Albuquerque Golf fees, per round, shall be reduced by \$1.]

2. On page 7, line 23 entitled "Transit Operating Fund (661)" decrease the amount by \$258,000
3. On page 11, line 23 entitled "ABQ Ride" decrease the amount by \$258,000

Explanation: This amendment reallocates \$258,000 from the Transit subsidies to offset the reduction of Golf per Round fees by \$1.

THIS AMENDMENT FAILED ON A 1-8 VOTE.

For: Lewis

Against: Baca, Bassan, Champine, Fiebelkorn, Grout, Peña, Rogers, Sanchez

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO C/S R-25-132

AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR Dan Lewis

1. On page 11, line 5, entitled "Clean City" decrease the amount \$2,100,000
2. On page 11, after line 16, insert the following:

[Furthermore, the residential solid waste collection fee shall be reduced by \$1.00 per month effective July 1, 2025. The Solid Waste Management Department shall absorb the corresponding revenue loss through internal cost savings, including a reduction of \$2,100,000 to the Clean City program within Fund 651. These adjustments shall be incorporated into the department's operating plan without reducing residential collection services. The Office of Management and Budget is directed to revise the Fiscal Year 2026 revenue schedule accordingly.]

Explanation: This amendment reduces the monthly residential solid waste collection fee by \$1.00

THIS AMENDMENT FAILED ON A 1-8 VOTE.

For: Lewis

Against: Baca, Bassan, Champine, Fiebelkorn, Grout, Peña, Rogers, Sanchez

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 8 TO C/S R-25-132

AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR Dan Lewis

1. On Page 14, after line 15, insert the following:

[Section 9. The total number of full-time employees who work in Public Information, including but not limited to Public Information Officers (PIOs), Public Affairs, Marketing, and any other staff whose primary duties involve public relations, marketing, or communications—regardless of title or department—shall be limited to a combined total of 10 FTEs across all City departments and offices.

The Office of Management and Budget shall reduce funded positions in excess of this cap during final personnel cleanup, and the resulting savings shall be reallocated to the General Fund balance for redistribution by the Council through mid-year adjustments or supplemental appropriation.

The Administration shall prioritize retention of PIOs in public safety and emergency response departments (AFR, APD, ACS, DMD) when implementing this reduction.]

2. Renumber all sections accordingly

Explanation: This amendment limits City public information staff to 10 FTEs across all departments. Excess positions will be removed during final cleanup, with savings returned to the General Fund. Public safety departments (AFR, APD, ACS, DMD) shall be prioritized in retaining PIO staff.

THIS AMENDMENT PASSED ON A 8-1 VOTE.

**For: Baca, Bassan, Champine, Fiebelkorn, Grout, Peña, Rogers, Sanchez
Against: Lewis**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 9 TO C/S R-25-132

AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR Fiebelkorn

1. On page 11, line 23 entitled "ABQ Ride" decrease the amount by \$558,000
2. On page 11, line 27, entitled "Strategic Support" increase the amount by \$558,000

Explanation: This amendment restores funding for 6 Transit marketing positions by reallocating funds from the ABQ Ride Contractual Services budget.

THIS AMENDMENT FAILED ON A 3-6 VOTE.
For: Bassan, Peña, Sanchez
Against: Baca, Fiebelkorn, Grout, Lewis, Rogers, Sanchez

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 10 TO C/S R-25-132

AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR Klarissa Peña

1. On page 3, after line 3, insert the following:
“Section 5. That the amount of \$4,041,000 is reserved for an additional 1% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase for all regular, full-time city positions except positions associated with IAFF Local 244, which has negotiated increases for Fiscal Year 2026. The additional 1% COLA is subject to negotiations for all applicable positions. Upon execution of CBA contract agreements, the amount is hereby unreserved and will be distributed to the respective department and programs by the Office of Management and Budget.”
2. On page 7, line 10, entitled ‘Professional Accountability’, decrease the amount by \$1,200,000.
3. On page 3, line 26, entitled ‘Chief Administrative Office’, decrease the amount by \$99,000.
4. On page 7, line 26, entitled ‘Community Recreation’, decrease the amount by \$120,000.
5. On page 7, line 27, entitled ‘Educational Initiatives’, decrease the amount by \$400,000.
6. On page 3, line 29, entitled ‘Early Retirement’, decrease the amount by \$275,000.
7. On page 6, line 23, entitled ‘Open Space Management’, decrease the amount by \$720,000.
8. On page 4, line 13, entitled ‘Council Services’, decrease the amount by \$777,000.
9. On page 3, delete Section 5, lines 4 through 7.

Explanation:

This amendment will provide the necessary funding to give an additional 1% COLA; for

a total 3% COLA; to all full-time city employees with the exception of IAFF union members who have a ratified and approved contract for FY/26. The above lines reflect the programs where reduction was taken to provide for the funding for the \$4,041,000 reserve.

THIS AMENDMENT PASSED ON A 6-3 VOTE.
For: Baca, Bassan, Fiebelkorn, Grout, Peña, Sanchez
Against: Champine, Lewis, Rogers

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 11 TO C/S R-25-132

AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR Klarissa Peña, by request

1. On page 3, line 23, entitled 'Public Library', increase the amount by \$50,000.
2. On page 7, line 10, entitled 'Professional Accountability', decrease the amount by \$50,000.
3. On page 5, line 22, entitled 'Mental Health', increase the amount by \$900,000.
4. On page 5, line 18, entitled 'Gateway Center', decrease the amount by \$900,000.
5. On page 5, line 22, entitled 'Mental Health', increase the amount by \$170,000.
6. On page 5, line 23, entitled 'Strategic Support', decrease the amount by \$25,000.
7. On page 5, line 20, entitled 'Homeless Support Services', decrease the amount by \$145,000.
8. On page 7, after line 28 insert the following:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ABATEMENT FUND -201

Finance and Administrative Services Department

Recovery Housing

214,000

Explanation:

This amendment is needed to correct necessary technical adjustments to C/S R-25-132 by properly aligning appropriations with associated programs. The following subsections detail each adjustment.

Item 1 and 2 - Increase the Arts and Culture Department's Public Library program by

\$50 thousand and decrease the Police Department's Professional Accountability program by \$50 thousand to ensure the library budget is not reduced beyond last fiscal year's appropriation.

Item 3 and 4 – Reallocate funding of \$900 thousand within the Health, Housing and Homelessness Department's appropriation to include non-recurring funding for "Assisted Outpatient Treatment" and reduce non-recurring funding for "Deferred Maintenance at Gateway Center".

Item 5, 6 and 7 – Reallocate funding of \$170 thousand within the Health, Housing and Homelessness Department's appropriation to restore full funding for the Health Equity Council contract in the Mental Health program by reducing non-recurring funding for the 'LifeQuest USA' by \$25 thousand within the Strategic Support program, and non-recurring for the 'Albuquerque Indian Center' by \$75 thousand and recurring contractual services by \$70 thousand within the Homeless Support Services program.

Item 8 – Funding to support a recovery housing program for persons who have completed the Good Shepherd Center comprehensive in-house substance abuse recovery program of at least 6 months duration, in line with the established parameters for opioid allocations.

Additionally, program neutral moves include:

Reallocate non-recurring funding of \$75 thousand in the Arts and Culture Department's Community Events program to "Opera Southwest" from the contractual services allocation within the same program.

Reallocate recurring funding of \$10 thousand in the Health, Housing and Homelessness Department's Affordable Housing program to support the "NM Legal Aid" contract from the contractual services allocation within the same program.

THIS AMENDMENT PASSED ON A 5-4 VOTE.

For: Baca, Bassan, Fiebelkorn, Peña, Rogers

Against: Champine, Grout, Lewis, Sanchez

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 12 TO C/S R-25-132

AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR Klarissa Peña

1. On page 3 of the committee substitute, beginning on line 1, delete Section 4 in it's entirety as follows and renumber subsequent sections

~~[Section 4. That the amount of \$4,000,000 is hereby reserved for Prepaid Rapid Rehousing programming costs and shall be appropriated during Fiscal Year 2026 by subsequent resolution of the Council.]~~

2. On page 4 of the committee substitute, line 2, amend the amount for "Operating Grants Fund (265)" as follows:

Operating Grants Fund (265) ~~[8,000,000]~~ [12,000,000]

3. On page 9 of the committee substitute, line 20, amend the amount for "Prepaid Rapid Rehousing" as follows:

Prepaid Rapid Rehousing ~~[4,000,000]~~ [8,000,000]

Explanation: The proposal to reduce \$4 million from the existing \$8 million already contracted for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) will have immediate and devastating consequences.

Key Impacts:

1. **1,251 People are housed under PSH (half will be unhoused with these cuts or everyone will be unhoused in six months)**

596 households, including families and medically vulnerable individuals, are housed under PSH, half of which will lose housing by June 30, 2025 or everyone will lose their funding by December 31, 2025.

Age Distribution of PSH Clients Currently Served		
0-18	19-64	60 and over
426	694	131

2. **Collapse of Nonprofit Capacity**

Eight contracted nonprofits will be forced to lay off staff, terminate leases, and may exit future partnerships with the City. Contracts for FY26 have not yet been executed but budget cuts to this magnitude this late in the year will greatly impact agencies. Agencies: Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless, Barrett Foundation, Good Shepard Center, Heading Home, New Day, Dream Center, and Serenity Mesa.

- a. Have contracts with these nonprofits already been executed?
- b. These contracts for FY26 have not been executed as the City is awaiting Budget approval. But we have funded these in the past and there is an expectation that funding will continue.

3. **Higher Public Costs**

This cut will increase emergency room use, police and fire calls, and encampment response needs—shifting cost to other systems and the public.

4. **Legal Risk to the City**

Providers have already signed leases with landlords and hired staff under current agreements and expectation of funding. A funding reduction may trigger lawsuits for breaking leases or unreimbursed costs, with liability falling to the City as funder.