

Date: April 24, 2012
To: Board of County Commissioners
From: David Sperling, Fire Chief
Through: Katherine Miller, County Manager
Pablo Sedillo, Public Safety Director
Re: An Emergency Ordinance Declaring Hazardous Fire Conditions and Imposing Restrictions on Open Fires, Smoking, and Other Ignition Sources

Background

The County Fire Department is requesting approval of an Emergency Ordinance Declaring Hazardous Fire Conditions and Imposing Restrictions on Open Fires, Smoking and Other Ignition Sources within Santa Fe County. This emergency ordinance shall take effect upon approval and remain in place for sixty (60) days. It will expire after sixty days unless renewed at a subsequent Board meeting.

Approval of these emergency restrictions is necessitated by persistent and severe drought compounded by abnormally warm temperatures and high, erratic spring winds. Wild land fire danger measurements utilized by the US Forest Service rate our local conditions as “very high” in areas of our grass land, pinion-juniper, and ponderosa fuel types throughout Santa Fe County and the surrounding areas. These conditions of below normal precipitation and above normal temperatures are forecast to persist throughout the spring. The County Fire Department has responded to several dangerous and fast moving wild land fires in recent weeks, including a ten (10) acre fire in Chimayo that destroyed one home.

This emergency ordinance will reduce the likelihood of an accidental wildland fire during the next 60 days, improve public and firefighter safety, and preserve property in Santa Fe County.

Action Requested

Approval of the Emergency Ordinance Declaring Hazardous Fire Conditions and Imposing Restrictions on Open Fires, Smoking, and Other Ignition Sources within Santa Fe County. The Fire Chief/Fire Marshal shall have the authority to grant exemptions to the Emergency Ordinance to burn permit applicants after assuring adequate fire protection is available and all reasonable measures have been taken to mitigate the severe fire danger.

SANTA FE COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-____

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DECLARING HAZARDOUS FIRE CONDITIONS AND IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON OPEN FIRES, SMOKING AND OTHER IGNITION SOURCES

Be it ordained by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County that because the current dry conditions and fire hazards represent a significant and imminent threat to the safety, health and welfare in Santa Fe County, the following prohibitions are hereby **ADOPTED**:

1. Consistent with its authority pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 59A-52-18, the following are prohibited for a period of sixty (60) days within the unincorporated areas of Santa Fe County:
 - a. Campfires
 - b. Open fires of any kind
 - c. Open burning of vegetation or rubbish
 - d. Smoking within a County park, campground or any wildland area except within an enclosed vehicle or building
 - e. Littering on public roadways/areas with ignited smoking materials
 - f. Use of off-road vehicles and motor bikes within county parks, campground and wild land areas
 - g. The issuance of licenses or permits for open burning except as noted below
2. The Fire Chief or Fire Marshal shall have the authority to grant exemptions to the Emergency Ordinance to burn permit applicants after assuring that adequate fire protection is available and all reasonable measures have been taken to mitigate the hazardous fire conditions.
3. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the authority or responsibilities of the Santa Fe County Fire Marshal or the Santa Fe County Sheriff under the provisions of other ordinances.

4. Any individual, firm, partnership or other entity found violating this emergency ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a petty misdemeanor and shall be punished by imprisonment for up to ninety days or a fine not to exceed three hundred dollars, or both.

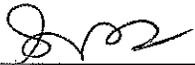
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for sixty days.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this ____ day of April, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Liz Stefanics, Chair

Approved as to form:



Stephen C. Ross,
Santa Fe County Attorney

Attest:

Valerie Espinoza,
Santa Fe County Clerk

Santa Fe County Land Use Department Planning Division

Date: April 16th, 2012

To: Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners

From: Andrew Jandáček, Transportation Planner

Cc: Robert Griego, Planning Manager
Penny Ellis-Green, Land Use Administrator

Re: Update of the FY2013 joint City/County Regional Transit Plan

Santa Fe County and City of Santa Fe Staff are in the process of updating the joint City/County Transit Plan to be submitted to the North Central Regional Transit District for FY2013. In previous years the City/County Regional Transit Plan has been submitted to the NCRTD by the Regional Planning Authority following recommendations from City and County Staff. As no future meetings of the RPA have been scheduled at this time, there is a need for continued collaborations between City and County Staff to propose an updated regional transit plan for Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe to the NCRTD board. Review of this joint City/County transit plan by the NCRTD is scheduled for the June NCRTD board meeting

Planning Staff will make a presentation regarding the current transit services within Santa Fe County at the April 24th meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. At the present time, due to funding limitations, Staff does not propose any additional routes or services to be added to the services which are currently being operated.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 16, 2012
TO: Board of County Commissioners
VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager
FROM: Tina Salazar, Constituent Services Liaison on behalf of Commissioner Kathy Holian
RE: A Presentation Recognizing Capshaw Middle School, 7th Grade Boys Team, as our Santa Fe City Champs

Issue:

We are pleased to announce, that the 7th grade Capshaw Middle School boys basketball team, finished undefeated. The Falcons ended their season 15-0, won the city tournament, and are the City Champs! They traveled to Taos, Las Vegas and Pojoaque. While excelling on the basketball court, they also carried an above average GPA in the classroom. The team was solely coached by Dale Lucero, who instilled them with a strong sense of work ethic, which attributed to their success both on and off the court. Dale is a part of our Santa Fe County, Desk Support Division.

Alex "Peanut" Abeyta 4.0	Nico Ortiz 3.0
Cisco Barela 3.0	Jacob Romero 4.0
Bailey Lozada Cabbage 3.0	Mark Segura 3.7
Noah Cozy 3.2	Phillip Sena 4.0
Dylan Herzenberg 3.5	Adam Tupler 4.0
Brandon Lucero 3.8	Jonathan Turner 4.0
David Marquez 3.5	Justin Vigil 3.8
William McCalister 3.8	
Dion Montoya 3.2	
Gabe Munoz 3.0	

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 16, 2012
TO: Board of County Commissioners
VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager
FROM: Kathy Holian, County Commissioner
RE: A Proclamation Declaring April 28th as Workers Memorial Day (Commissioner Holian)

Issue:

Workers in America are suffering deaths and injuries, including permanent disablement, at an unacceptable rate. The Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), which is charged with overseeing worker safety throughout the country, is under siege in these times of budget and partisan political challenges. Moreover, similar threats are faced by unions, whose top priority is safety on the job, whether the workers belong to a union or not. These losses are suffered in the private sector jobs and in government jobs, as well. An example of the kind of unnecessary, preventable tragedies that occur follows.

In May of 2011, two city workers in Las Vegas, NM, members of AFSCME Local 2851 were killed in a trench collapse on a sewer line. The dangers were known to the workers, but their worries were overruled by the supervisor, so that no preventive measures, required by Federal and State of New Mexico laws, including either shoring up the trench or sloping the walls, were done before the work commenced. The workers were intimidated by management, well known to be anti-union. Subsequent to the fatal trench collapse, the New Mexico Environment Department ruled that the City of Las Vegas was at serious fault, and the City was fined and required to carry out training for workers and safety inspectors, in order to prevent future tragedies of this kind.

The following Workers Memorial Day Proclamation is meant to be a reminder to Santa Fe County employees and managers that safety on the job should be a top priority on County public works projects. We want no tragedies of the kind that befell the City of Las Vegas, NM, to occur in Santa Fe County. The OSHA standards are not just a "suggestion"; they are a matter of life and death. We in Santa Fe County government fully support our workers and their health.

Request Action:

Commissioner Holian respectfully requests the Board of County Commissioners support and approve this item.



*Santa Fe County Proclamation
Introduced by Commissioner Kathy Holian*

DECLARING APRIL 28TH AS WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, every year more than 6,000 workers are killed on the job in the country, tens of thousands more are permanently disabled, and thousands are injured;

WHEREAS, states are facing a fiscal crisis and the current budget shortfall is weakening Occupation Safety and Health Act protections for all workers in both the public and private sector;

WHEREAS, many job hazards are unregulated and uncontrolled, injuring thousands of workers every year;

WHEREAS, the Boar of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County (BCC) is determined to prevent future tragedies such as that which befell two city workers in Las Vegas, New Mexico in 2011;

WHEREAS, on July 14, 1992 Santa Fe County Commissioners approved a Resolution creating a safety management program for Santa Fe County and began the process of creating a safety policy committee, which committee now reviews accidents and personal injuries, conducts safety inspections, recommends safety training programs and monitors motor loss trends;

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County has formed a Safety Committee, has received the RAP award in 2010 and 2011 for reducing workers compensation claims, and continues to promote a safe environment for our employees;

WHEREAS, concerned workers are determined to prevent tragedies by:

- Observing Workers Memorial Day, a day chosen by the AFL-CIO to remember those workers who have been injured and or died on the job;
- Renewing efforts to seek stronger safety and health protection, better standards and enforcement, and fair and just compensation;
- Redirecting resources to improve the safety and health in every American workplace on the anniversary of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

NOW THEREFORE, the BCC, hereby proclaims:

"April 28, 2012 shall be known as Workers Memorial Day"
in recognition of workers killed, injured or disabled on the job.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED ON THIS 24th DAY OF APRIL 2012

Liz Stefanics
Chair, Commissioner, District 5

Kathy Holian
Vice-Chair, Commissioner, District 4

Daniel "Danny" Mayfield
Commissioner, District 1

Virginia Vigil
Commissioner, District 2

Robert A. Anaya
Commissioner, District 3

Katherine Miller
County Manager

Approved to Form:

Attest:

Stéphen C. Ross, County Attorney

Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk

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