

BERNALILLO COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO STRENGTHEN BERNALILLO COUNTY GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH INCREASED COLLABORATION BETWEEN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF BERNALILLO COUNTY'S POPULATION AND POPULATION SUBGROUPS.

Section 1. Authority.

This ordinance is enacted under the authority of NMSA 1978, Sections 3-17-1 & 4-37-1.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy.

Governmental objectives and our communities' health are best achieved when all governmental sectors include health and safety as a key component of policy development, plan adoption, or project approval. This is because policies, plans and projects impacting air and water quality, natural resources and agricultural lands, affordable housing, the local economy, the justice system, and public safety directly influence the physical, economic and social environments in which people live and work.

Additionally, these environments influence the adoption of healthy lifestyles by making it more or less difficult for individuals to choose behaviors that promote or diminish health. The health and safety of our residents are critical for a prosperous Bernalillo County because the burden caused by negative health outcomes, for example chronic illnesses such as diabetes, negatively impacts human productivity, quality of life, life expectancy, and health care costs.

Section 3. Accountability of Elected Leadership, Appointees, County Management, and Staff.

To ensure optimal policy development, plan adoption, and project review, it is necessary to improve cross-Departmental coordination that focuses on the physical, economic, and social environments in which people live and work as a means of achieving positive health outcomes for our populations and subpopulations consisting of minorities, low-income, and vulnerable.

Section 4. Definitions – fill in

Health
Local Economy
Plans
Public Safety
Safety
Welfare

Section 5. Standards of Conduct.

To improve the health, safety and welfare of our population and population subgroups, the County Manager, Department Directors, and their designees shall:

- A. Integrate the practice of achieving positive health outcomes for our populations and subpopulations into the County's strategic, operational and business plans, management and reporting systems for accountability and performance, and budget allocations.
- B. Establish a Health in All Policies (HIAP) Task Force comprised of Department Directors or their designees to improve opportunities to achieve optimal health for all of Bernalillo County's population and populations subgroups while advancing goals of improving air and water quality, enhancing natural resources and agricultural lands, ensuring the availability of affordable housing, providing a robust local economy, ensuring a equitable justice system, and providing for public safety.
- C. The Task Force shall be facilitated and staffed by the Bernalillo County Office of Environmental Health.
- D. By (fill in date), Office of Environmental Health staff shall submit a report from the HIAP Task Force to the Bernalillo County Board of County Commissioners and Managers:
 - a. Outlining recommended programs, policies and strategies to provide opportunities to achieve optimal health for all populations and population subgroups,
 - b. Describing the benefits for health, safety and welfare that would result if the recommendations were implemented,
 - c. Suggesting analytical tools to support all Departments in identifying the health, safety, and welfare impacts of policies, plans and projects for populations and population sub-groups and ways in which to amplify positive and mitigate negative impacts in the event recommended programs, policies and strategies are implemented.
- E. In the event the Task Force's recommendations are adopted by the County Manager and County Commissioners, the Task Force shall assist Departments with:
 - a. Developing analytical tools to support all Departments in identifying health, safety and welfare impacts of policies, plans and projects for populations and population subgroups and ways in which to amplify positive and mitigate negative impacts in the event recommended programs, policies and strategies are implemented,
 - b. Assisting with the development of Department work plans that address how they will equitably address our resident's health, safety, and welfare needs.

Section 6. Private Right of Action.

It is the intent of Bernalillo County Board of County Commissioners that this ordinance is a general statement of county policy that cannot form the basis of a private right of action.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after adopted by the Bernalillo County Board of County Commissioners.

DONE this _____ day of _____, 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

, Chair

, Vice-Chair

, Member

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, Member

County Legal

Date
ATTEST:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Clerk

Date