

**RESOLUTION 2005-40**

**EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE INTRODUCTION OF SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE MINING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS AND EXTRATERRITORIAL PLANNING AND PLATTING ZONE OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY**

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Silver City, New Mexico, is proud of its long and distinguished tradition of protecting the health and welfare of its people, as well as its commitment towards preserving the Town as a comfortable and pleasant place in which to reside; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town is aware of the balance between economic development and the needs of its inhabitants to maintain a healthy and secure quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town fully recognizes the past, present, and future economic benefits of the mining industry to Grant County and the Town of Silver City and affirms its support for that industry; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town also recognizes the economic and social benefit gained by fostering a residential and commercial environment which enhances the quality of urban and suburban life; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town Council is concerned that surface and subsurface mining within the corporate limits of the Town and the immediate extraterritorial zone that extends three miles from the Town's boundaries will likely and adversely affect the quality of life of its inhabitants and the aesthetic appeal of the Town to its inhabitants and to others.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY:**

1. Affirms its strong support for the mining industry of Grant County.
2. Expresses its concern that mining operations close-in to the urban and suburban population center of Silver City would not further the Town's interest in preserving the unique character of the Town of Silver City and its environs, and that such operations would likely and adversely affect the quality of life for the inhabitants therein.
3. Affirms, therefor, its strong opposition to the introduction of surface or subsurface mining operations within the corporate limits of the Town or within the Town's extraterritorial planning and platting zone which extends three miles out from the Town's boundaries.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the foregoing is meant to be an expression of sentiment by this Town Council and that in no way is this Resolution intended to amend or otherwise modify the Town's Municipal and Land Use Codes.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2005.

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Terry Fortenberry, Mayor

Attest:

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Jane Toomajian, Town Clerk