

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LOVINGTON
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

RESOLUTION 2016-1

**A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE CLOSURE OF LOVE STREET IF DETERMINED TO BE
NEEDED FOR THE NEW JUDICIAL COMPLEX AND THE ASSISTANCE THE CITY OF
LOVINGTON WILL PROVIDE TO LEA COUNTY TO FACILITATE PARKING NEEDS**

WHEREAS, the County of Lea has planned for a new Judicial Complex and intends to begin construction at the end of 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Lovington City Commission and residents of the community feel the site located east of the existing County Courthouse at the site of the former Lea County Detention Facility and Lea County Sheriff Office is in the best interests of the County and community; and

WHEREAS, movement of the Judicial Complex out of the downtown area would have a negative impact on the economy of Lovington, detract from the importance of the Lovington downtown area, and spread out essential government functions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lovington adopted Resolution 051313-01 on May 13, 2013 that resolved the City's support of the demolition of the former Lea County Detention Facility, support that the new Judicial Complex be constructed at the site of the former Detention Facility, and the City would provide any reasonable support to Lea County to see that the new Judicial Complex remains in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the Lovington City Commission voted in regular session on August 26, 2013 to close the section of Love Street between Central Avenue and Washington Avenue if it was determined by the County it would be needed to ensure construction of the new Judicial Complex at the downtown site; and

WHEREAS, the Lea County Board of Commissioners voted to construct the new Judicial Complex at the downtown site on December 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Lea County Board of Commissioner, at the December 17, 2015 meeting, requested that Lovington close Love Street and provide assistance to secure an additional 1.25 acres of parking to accommodate the projected 50 year needs of the new facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lovington City Commission that:

1. Love Street will be closed to thru traffic between Central Avenue and Washington Avenue as approved at the August 26, 2013 City Commission

Meeting on the basis of the need demonstrated by Lea County to accommodate the new Judicial Complex; and

2. the closed portion of Love Street may be used for parking and the site developed by the County with the exception of including it in the new Judicial Complex building footprint; and
3. during construction of the parking area on the closed portion of Love Street, the City will replace the water main and sewer main to avoid an needed repair or replacement in the future; and
4. City staff will be available to work with County staff and their contractors; and
5. the City shall grant a variance for any height or setback restrictions as needed for the new Judicial Complex in the downtown area; and
6. the City will provide access to the Public Works Facility, located at 400 E. Avenue H, for the staging of and delivery of equipment or materials needed for the construction of the new Judicial Complex in the downtown area; and
7. the City will develop at its own expense dedicated public parking areas in the following areas:
 - a. The eastern 20 feet of Lots 13, 14, 15 and 17, Block 16, Original Lovington Addition, that will accommodate at least fifteen (15) diagonal parking spaces
 - b. The southern half of Lot 17, Block 16, Original Lovington Addition, that will accommodate at least thirteen (13) diagonal parking spaces
 - c. Lot 13, Block 43, South Addition will be striped and designated for public or parking and will accommodate at least thirty-five (35) diagonal parking spaces
 - d. To assist the public in locating the Judicial Complex and other government offices located in the downtown area, the City will develop and install signage giving direction from the aforementioned developed parking areas; and
8. the City will abandon the planned “pocket park” at the parking lot located between the Lister Building and Lea Theater and will place no parking time limits on said public parking lot that will accommodate sixteen (16) diagonal parking spaces; and
9. the City will transfer mutually agreeable vacant City owned residential lots to Lea County to provide for displaced residents as a result of any property acquisitions for the purposes of providing parking at new Judicial Complex site in the downtown area; and
10. the City will provide water and sewer connections within public right of ways at no cost to the lots provided to Lea County at no cost to the displaced resident; and
11. the City will work with the displaced residents who receive the transferred vacant City owned residential lots to ensure that zoning needs or changes are met; and

12. the City will provide financial assistance if needed to the County for the acquisition of the identified 1.25 additional acres for public parking in an amount to not exceed \$400,000; and

DONE THIS 4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2016 at

City of Lovington
New Mexico

Scotty Gandy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol Ann Hogue, City Clerk