1	AN ACT	
2	RELATING TO PLANNING; ALLOWING FOR A MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY	
3	COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; CLARIFYING THE ROLE OF A PLANNING	
4	COMMISSION; AMENDING, REPEALING AND ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE	
5	NMSA 1978.	
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7	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:	
8	SECTION 1. Section 3-19-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965,	
9	Chapter 300, Section 14-18-1) is amended to read:	
10	"3-19-1. CREATION OF PLANNING COMMISSIONA	
11	municipality is a planning authority and may:	
12	A. by ordinance:	
13	(l) establish a planning commission;	
14	(2) delegate to the planning commission:	
15	(a) the power, authority, jurisdiction	
16	and duty to enforce and carry out the provisions of law	
17	relating to planning, platting and zoning; and	
18	(b) other power, authority,	
19	jurisdiction and duty incidental and necessary to carry out	
20	the purpose of Chapter 3, Article 19 NMSA 1978; and	
21	(3) retain as much of this power, authority,	
22	jurisdiction and duty as it desires; and	
23	B. by resolution, adopt, amend, extend and carry	
24	out a comprehensive plan."	
25	SECTION 2. Section 3-19-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965,	SB 315 Page 1

1	Chapter 300, Section 14-18-4) is amended to read:	
2	"3-19-4. POWERS OF COMMISSION	
3	A. A planning commission shall have such powers as	
4	are necessary to:	
5	(1) fulfill and perform its functions;	
6	(2) promote municipal planning; and	
7	(3) carry out the purposes of Chapter 3,	
8	Article 19 NMSA 1978.	
9	B. A planning commission may:	
10	(1) make reports and recommendations for the	
11	planning and development of the municipality to:	
12	(a) public officials and agencies;	
13	(b) public utility companies;	
14	(c) civic, educational, professional	
15	and other organizations; and	
16	(d) citizens; and	
17	(2) recommend to the administrative and	
18	governing officials of the municipality programs for public	
19	improvements and their financing.	
20	C. Members and employees of the planning	
21	commission, in the performance of its function, may:	
22	(1) enter upon any land;	
23	(2) make examinations and surveys; and	
24	(3) place and maintain necessary monuments	
25	and markers upon the land.	SB 315 Page 2

1	D. Upon request, a public official shall furnish
2	within a reasonable time available information that the
3	planning commission requires for its work."
4	SECTION 3. Section 3-19-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965,
5	Chapter 300, Section 14-18-6, as amended) is amended to read:
6	"3-19-6. SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS
7	A. The planning authority of a municipality shall
8	adopt regulations governing the subdivision of land within
9	the planning and platting jurisdiction of the municipality.
10	The subdivision regulations shall be approved by the
11	governing body before they become effective. The subdivision
12	regulations may provide for:
13	(1) the harmonious development of the
14	municipality and its environs;
15	(2) the coordination of streets within the
16	subdivision with existing or planned streets or other
17	features of the comprehensive plan of the municipality;
18	(3) adequate open space for traffic,
19	recreation, drainage, light and air; and
20	(4) the distribution of population and
21	traffic that tends to create conditions favorable to the
22	health, safety, convenience, prosperity or general welfare of
23	the residents of the municipality.
24	B. Subdivision regulations may govern:

(1) the width of streets;

1	(2) the width, depth and arrangement of
2	lots;
3	(3) land use, including natural drainage;
4	(4) other matters necessary to carry out the
5	purposes of the Municipal Code; and
6	(5) the extent and manner in which:
7	(a) streets are graded and improved;
8	and
9	(b) water, sewer and other utility
10	facilities are installed as a condition precedent to the
11	approval of a plat.
12	C. The subdivision regulations or the practice of
13	the planning commission may allow preliminary approval of the
14	plat previous to the completion of improvements and the
15	installation of utility facilities, but such preliminary
16	approval shall not be entered on a plat. In lieu of the
17	completion of improvements and the installation of utility
18	facilities previous to the final approval of a plat, the
19	subdivision regulations may provide for:
20	(1) assessment or other methods whereby the
21	municipality makes the improvements and installations at the
22	cost of the owner of property within the subdivision;
23	(2) acceptance of a bond, in an amount and
24	with surety and conditions satisfactory to the planning

commission, securing to the municipality the actual

construction and installation of improvements and utility facilities within a period of time specified by the planning commission and expressed in the bond. A municipality may enforce such a bond by all appropriate and legal remedies; or

the municipality and a person seeking approval of a subdivision whereby the person seeking approval shall, within two years following final approval of the plat, complete the improvements and the installation of utility facilities provided for in the person's application for subdivision approval, except that the agreement set forth herein may provide that the person seeking approval shall be permitted by the municipality to sell or otherwise dispose of or improve any lot within the subdivision to which improvements and utility facilities have been provided by the person seeking approval at any time within the two-year period. Any such agreement shall be recorded with the county clerk at the time of filing the plat.

D. The governing body or planning commission of the municipality shall hold a public hearing on the adoption of a subdivision regulation or an amendment to it. Notice of the time and place of the public hearing shall be published once at least fifteen days prior to the date of the public hearing.

1	violate the zoning ordinance, the governing body or planning
2	commission of the municipality may agree with a person
3	seeking approval of a subdivision upon the use, height, area
4	or bulk requirement or restriction governing buildings and
5	premises within the subdivision. The requirement or
6	restriction shall:
7	(1) accompany the plat before it is approved
8	and recorded;
9	(2) have the force of law;
10	(3) be enforced; and
11	(4) be subject to amendment or repeal as the
12	provisions of the zoning ordinance and map are enforced,
13	amended or repealed."
14	SECTION 4. Section 3-19-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965,
15	Chapter 300, Section 14-18-11, as amended) is amended to
16	read:
17	"3-19-11. LEGAL STATUS OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
18	A. After a comprehensive plan or any part thereof
19	has been approved and within the area of the comprehensive
20	plan or any part thereof so approved, the approval of the
21	planning commission or governing body is necessary to
22	construct, authorize, accept, widen, narrow, remove, extend,
23	relocate, vacate, abandon, acquire or change the use of any:

ground, place or space;

(1) park, street or other public way,

- (2) public building or structure; or
- (3) utility, whether publicly or privately owned.

- B. The failure of the planning commission to act within sixty-five days after the submission of a proposal to it constitutes approval of the proposal unless the proponent agrees to an extension of time. If the planning commission disapproves a proposal, it must state its reasons to the governing body. The governing body may overrule the planning commission and approve the proposal by a two-thirds', vote of all its members.
- NMSA 1978 shall apply to any existing building, structure, plant or other equipment owned or used by any public utility or the right to its continued use or its reasonable repair or alteration for the purpose for which it was used at the time the comprehensive plan or any part thereof affecting the property takes effect. After the adoption of the comprehensive plan or any part thereof affecting the property, all extensions, betterments or additions to buildings, structures, plants or other equipment of any public utility shall be made in conformity with the comprehensive plan or any part thereof affecting the property and upon the approval of the municipality. After a public hearing, the public regulation commission or the regulatory

agency having jurisdiction or their successors having jurisdiction, as the case may be, may order that the extensions, betterments or additions to buildings, structures, plants or other equipment are reasonable and that the extensions, betterments or additions may be made even though they conflict with the adopted comprehensive plan or any part thereof affecting the property.

D. Any public agency or official that is not under the jurisdiction of the governing body of the municipality and that is authorizing or financing a public way, ground, place, space, building, structure or utility shall submit the proposal to the municipality. If the municipality disapproves the proposal, the board of the public agency by a two-thirds' vote of all its members or the official may overrule the municipality and proceed with the proposal subject to the provisions of Subsection C of this section."

SECTION 5. A new section of Chapter 3, Article 19 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

"COMPREHENSIVE PLAN--ELEMENTS--NOTICE--REVIEW.--

A. A comprehensive plan is a plan for the development of land use, infrastructure, public facilities, natural resources and economic development within the jurisdiction of the municipality. A comprehensive plan is developed through a public participation process and establishes the basis for enacting policies, programs and

1	regulations pertaining to the long-term development of the	
2	municipality. A comprehensive plan may include the following	ng
3	elements:	
4	(l) a community profile, including:	
5	(a) physical characteristics and	
6	regional setting;	
7	(b) historical background and cultura	1
8	resources;	
9	(c) population and employment data; a	ind
10	(d) a summary of community input	
11	received during the plan development process;	
12	(2) land use and housing, including:	
13	(a) inventory of land use;	
14	(b) housing characteristics,	
15	affordability and needs; and	
16	(c) goals, objectives and policies fo	r
17	land use and housing development;	
18	(3) transportation, including:	
19	(a) roadway and rail networks;	
20	(b) aviation facilities;	
21	(c) public transit systems;	
22	(d) pedestrian walkways and trails;	
23	(e) parking availability; and	
24	(f) goals, objectives and policies fo	or
25	transportation and circulation in the area;	SB 315 Page 9

1	(4) water	resources, including:	
2	(a)	surface and ground water resources;	
3	(b)	water supply systems;	
4	(c)	wastewater treatment systems;	
5	(d)	drainage and stormwater management	
6	systems;		
7	(e)	agricultural activities; and	
8	(f)	goals, objectives and policies for	
9	sustainable water resources	6 ;	
10	(5) natura	al resources, including:	
11	(a)	geology and geography of the area;	
12	(b)	park land and open space;	
13	(c)	local ecosystem sustainability and	
14	biodiversity; and		
15	(d)	goals, objectives and policies to	
16	protect and preserve natura	al resources in the area;	
17	(6) econo	mic development, including:	
18	(a)	assessment of the local economy;	
19	(b)	business and commercial development	
20	districts;		
21	(c)	tourism programs;	
22	(d)	adult education and work force	
23	training; and		
24	(e)	goals, objectives and policies for	
25	promoting local economic de	evelopment;	SB 315 Page 10
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1	(7) public facilities and services,	
2	including:	
3	(a) government facilities;	
4	(b) community services and programs;	
5	(c) educational facilities;	
6	(d) health care facilities;	
7	(e) telecommunication and utility	
8	systems;	
9	(f) waste management systems;	
10	(g) natural and man-made hazards to the	
11	area;	
12	(h) public safety and emergency	
13	response; and	
14	(i) goals, objectives and policies for	
15	public facilities and services; and	
16	(8) implementation, including:	
17	(a) actions to achieve the goals,	
18	objectives and policies stated in the comprehensive plan;	
19	(b) priorities and timing of actions;	
20	(c) estimated cost of actions; and	
21	(d) conformance with related plans,	
22	programs and regulations.	
23	B. If a governing body of a municipality delegates	
24	to a planning commission the authority to carry out the	
25	provisions of Chapter 3, Article 19 NMSA 1978 relating to a	SB 315 Page 11

comprehensive plan, the planning commission shall submit a recommendation on the comprehensive plan to the governing body of the municipality. Before submission of the comprehensive plan, the planning commission shall hold at least one public hearing. Notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be published at least fifteen days before the planning commission submits the recommendation to the governing body of the municipality. Prior to publication of the notice, copies of the comprehensive plan or any part thereof shall be made available to any citizen at the office of the municipal clerk.

- C. Before adoption of a comprehensive plan or any part thereof, the governing body of a municipality shall hold at least one public hearing. Notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be published at least fifteen days before the day of the hearing. Prior to the publication of the notice, copies of the comprehensive plan or any part thereof shall be made available to any citizen at the office of the municipal clerk.
- D. An adopted comprehensive plan provides guidance for the following actions that may be undertaken by the governing body:
- (1) adopting or amending the zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, neighborhood or district plans, and other land development regulations;

(2) establishing priorities and funding for capital improvement programs and projects; and

(3) improving the delivery and efficiency of local government services.

E. A comprehensive plan adopted by the municipality shall be reviewed by the governing body of the municipality at least once every five years. If necessary, the comprehensive plan shall be updated to reflect changed circumstances regarding the development of the subject area, subject to the notice and hearing requirements pursuant to Subsection C of this section."

SECTION 6. Section 3-40-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973, Chapter 395, Section 4) is amended to read:

"3-40-1. CEMETERIES--AUTHORIZATION.--

A. Subject to the provisions of law relating to the maintaining of cemeteries, a municipality may establish, maintain and regulate a municipal cemetery and may acquire within the planning and platting jurisdiction of the municipality or condemn within the municipality in the manner provided by law any property for cemetery purposes. Any property acquired for cemetery purposes by condemnation shall be acquired at a location that is in compliance with a municipality's applicable comprehensive plan.

B. A municipality may abandon any street within a municipal cemetery, provided that ownership is retained by

1	the municipality and the abandoned street is used for a
2	municipal purpose."
3	SECTION 7. Section 4-57-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967,
4	Chapter 150, Section 1) is amended to read:
5	"4-57-1. CREATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION
6	A. Any county may:
7	(1) by ordinance:
8	(a) establish a planning commission;
9	(b) delegate to the planning
10	commission: 1) the power, authority, jurisdiction and duty to
11	enforce and carry out the provisions of law relating to
12	planning, platting and zoning; and 2) any other power,
13	authority, jurisdiction and duty incidental and necessary to
14	carry out the provisions of Chapter 4, Article 57 NMSA 1978;
15	and
16	(c) retain as much of this power,
17	authority, jurisdiction and duty as it desires; and
18	(2) by resolution adopt, amend, extend and
19	carry out a comprehensive plan.
20	B. A county planning commission shall consist of
21	not less than five members who shall be appointed by the
22	board of county commissioners. Administrative officials of
23	the county may be appointed as ex-officio nonvoting members
24	of the planning commission."

SECTION 8. Section 4-57-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967,

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Chapter 150, Section 2) is amended to read:

"4-57-2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSION.--

A. A county planning commission shall have such powers as are necessary and proper to fulfill and perform its functions, carry out the purposes of Chapter 4, Article 57 NMSA 1978 and promote county planning. Such planning shall be made with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the county that will, in accordance with existing and future needs, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity or the general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development.

B. A county planning commission may:

- (1) make reports and recommendations for the planning and development of the county to any other individual, partnership, firm, public or private corporation, association, trust, estate, political subdivision or agency of the state or any other legal entity or their legal representatives, agents or assigns;
- (2) recommend to the administrative and governing officials of the county programs for public improvements and their financing; and
- (3) prepare and recommend to the board of county commissioners a comprehensive plan pursuant to Section 9 of this 2013 act."

1	SECTION 9. A new section of Chapter 4, Article 57 NMSA	
2	1978 is enacted to read:	
3	"COMPREHENSIVE PLANELEMENTSNOTICEREVIEW	
4	A. A comprehensive plan is a plan for the	
5	development of land use, infrastructure, public facilities,	
6	natural resources and economic development within the	
7	jurisdiction of the county. A comprehensive plan is	
8	developed through a public participation process and	
9	establishes the basis for enacting policies, programs and	
10	regulations pertaining to the long-term development of the	
11	county. A comprehensive plan may include the following	
12	elements:	
13	(1) a community profile, including:	
14	(a) physical characteristics and	
15	regional setting;	
16	(b) historical background and cultural	
17	resources;	
18	(c) population and employment data; and	
19	(d) a summary of community input	
20	received during the plan development process;	
21	(2) land use and housing, including:	
22	(a) inventory of land use;	
23	(b) housing characteristics,	
24	affordability and needs; and	
25	(c) goals, objectives and policies for	SB 315 Page 16

1	land use and housing develo	pment;	
2	(3) transp	portation, including:	
3	(a)	roadway and rail networks;	
4	(b)	aviation facilities;	
5	(c)	public transit systems;	
6	(d)	pedestrian walkways and trails;	
7	(e)	parking availability; and	
8	(f)	goals, objectives and policies for	
9	transportation and circulat	ion in the area;	
10	(4) water	resources, including:	
11	(a)	surface and ground water resources;	
12	(b)	water supply systems;	
13	(c)	wastewater treatment systems;	
14	(d)	drainage and stormwater management	
15	systems;		
16	(e)	agricultural activities; and	
17	(f)	goals, objectives and policies for	
18	sustainable water resources	;	
19	(5) natura	al resources, including:	
20	(a)	geology and geography of the area;	
21	(b)	park land and open space;	
22	(c)	local ecosystem sustainability and	
23	biodiversity; and		
24	(d)	goals, objectives and policies to	
25	protect and preserve natura	l resources in the area;	SB 315 Page 17

1	(6) economic development, including:
2	(a) assessment of the local economy;
3	(b) business and commercial development
4	districts;
5	(c) tourism programs;
6	(d) adult education and work force
7	training; and
8	(e) goals, objectives and policies for
9	promoting local economic development;
10	(7) public facilities and services,
11	including:
12	(a) government facilities;
13	(b) community services and programs;
14	(c) educational facilities;
15	(d) health care facilities;
16	(e) telecommunication and utility
17	systems;
18	(f) waste management systems;
19	(g) natural and man-made hazards to the
20	area;
21	(h) public safety and emergency
22	response; and
23	(i) goals, objectives and policies for
24	public facilities and services; and
25	(8) implementation, including: SB 315 Page 18

(a) actions to achieve the goals, objectives and policies stated in the comprehensive plan;

- (b) priorities and timing of actions;
- (c) estimated cost of actions; and
- (d) conformance with related plans,

programs and regulations.

B. If a board of county commissioners delegates to a planning commission the authority to carry out the provisions of Chapter 4, Article 57 NMSA 1978 relating to a comprehensive plan, the planning commission shall submit a recommendation on the comprehensive plan to the board of the county commissioners. Before submission of the comprehensive plan, the planning commission shall hold at least one public hearing. Notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be published at least fifteen days before the planning commission submits the recommendation to the board of county commissioners. Prior to publication of the notice, copies of the comprehensive plan or any part thereof shall be made available to any citizen at the office of the county clerk.

C. Before adoption of a comprehensive plan or any part thereof, the board of county commissioners shall hold at least one public hearing. Notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be published at least fifteen days before the day of the hearing. Prior to the publication of the notice, copies of the comprehensive plan or any part thereof

Chapter 136, Section 7) is amended to read:

infrastructure development zone has, or will have, the

(5) the area to be included in the proposed

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(4) the creation of the proposed

infrastructure development zone will be in the best interests

of the area proposed to be served.

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D. The governing body may conditionally approve the service plan of a proposed infrastructure development zone upon satisfactory evidence that it does not comply with one or more of the criteria enumerated in Subsection C of this section. Final approval shall be contingent upon modification of the service plan to include such changes or additional information as shall be specifically stated in the findings of the governing body.

E. The findings of the governing body shall be based solely upon the service plan and evidence presented at the hearing by the petitioners and any interested party."

SECTION 12. Section 58-18-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 303, Section 10, as amended) is amended to read:

"58-18-10. PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING LAWS.--

A. All multiple-family dwelling projects and transitional or congregate housing facilities shall be subject to any applicable comprehensive plan, official map, zoning regulation, building code, housing ordinance and other laws and regulations governing land use or planning or construction of the municipality in which the project is or is to be located.

B. The authority shall provide a description of any multiple-family dwelling project or transitional or congregate housing facility for which it proposes to finance

a project mortgage loan to the local governing body of the 1 2 municipality in which the multiple-family dwelling project or 3 transitional or congregate housing facility is or is to be 4 located. The description shall include the proposed number 5 and type of dwelling units and the location of the project. 6 Unless the local governing body, by majority vote, 7 disapproves the multiple-family dwelling project or 8 transitional or congregate housing facility within thirty 9 days after receipt of the description, the authority may 10 finance a project mortgage loan on the project." 11 SECTION 13. Section 58-24-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1983, 12 Chapter 300, Section 1) is amended to read: 13 "58-24-1. SHORT TITLE.--Chapter 58, Article 24 NMSA 14 1978 may be cited as the "Industrial and Agricultural Finance 15 Authority Act"." 16 SECTION 14. Section 58-24-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 17 1983, Chapter 300, Section 10) is amended to read: 18 "58-24-10. PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING LAWS.--All 19 projects and facilities shall be subject to any applicable 20 comprehensive plan, official map, zoning regulation, building 21 code, ordinance and other laws and regulations governing land 22 use or planning or construction of the municipality or county

SECTION 15. REPEAL.--Sections 3-19-7, 3-19-9, 3-19-10 and 3-19-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965, Chapter 300, Sections

in which the project or facility is or is to be located."

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1	14-18-7, 14-18-9, 14-18-10 and 14-18-12, as amended) are
2	repealed.
3	SECTION 16. EFFECTIVE DATEThe effective date of the
4	provisions of this act is July 1, 2013 SB 315
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