



City of Santa Fe New Mexico

Memorandum



Date: November 6, 2020

To: Quality of Life Committee, Finance Committee, Governing Body

Via: Erin K. McSherry, City Attorney *EM*
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From: Kyle Hibner, City Prosecutor *KH*
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RE: Drug Paraphernalia Amendments

ITEM AND ISSUE:

The Bill amends Section 16-15.2(C) to reclassify the possession, delivery, or manufactures of drug paraphernalia from a petty misdemeanor to a penalty assessment.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

The Bill removes the criminal petty misdemeanor classification for violations of Section 16-15.2(C) and instead requires a penalty assessment of \$50. The removal of the petty misdemeanor classification removes the threat of having a drug paraphernalia conviction on an offender's record, potentially leading to future employment difficulties.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the Bill as presented.

ATTACHMENTS:

Bill
Fiscal Impact Report