RESOLUTION NO. 2013-1462

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRONIC MAIL ACCOUNTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Farmington, New Mexico (the "Governing Body") has determined that it is desirable to have in place a system of communication that reasonably enhances the opportunities for the effective and efficient exchange of information, data, ideas, and opinions (a) among the members of the Governing Body, (b) between the members of the Governing Body and employees of the City of Farmington, and (c) between members of the Governing Body and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the use of electronic mail ("email") is a widespread and reasonably acceptable mode of communication for purposes of business, governmental, and personal interaction; and

WHEREAS, email is commonly used by employees of the City of Farmington to conduct government business; and

WHEREAS, email is commonly used to facilitate communication between members of the public and members of the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, email is commonly used to facilitate communication between individuals in positions of management with the City of Farmington and members of the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, email is commonly used by members of the Governing Body to communicate with one another; and

WHEREAS, accessibility is paramount to effective and efficient communication, and the use of email will reasonably enhance the accessibility of members of the Governing Body to one another, to employees of the City of Farmington, and to members of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO, THAT:

(1) As of the effective time hereof, each member of the Governing Body shall be provided an email account and address which shall be published in all places where contact information for members of the Governing Body is commonly published;

(2) The format of the email address so provided shall contain sufficient detail to enable potential users to ascertain the identity of the member of the Governing Body to whom the address belongs;

(3) Upon request of a member of the Governing Body, a computer will be placed in the City of Farmington office of said member for the purpose of receiving and sending email communications;

(4) Upon request of a member of the Governing Body, said member shall receive such technical support from the Information Technology department of the City of Farmington as is necessary to enable competent use of the email account;

(5) The contents of any communication sent to the email address of a member of the Governing Body that is not returned to the sender as "undeliverable" shall be deemed to have been delivered to, and received by, said member;

(6) The City Manager of the City of Farmington, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary to give effect to the provisions set forth herein; and

(7) This Resolution shall be effective on the date it is duly adopted by the Governing Body and shall remain in full force and effect until it is duly amended or repealed by the Governing Body.

PASSED, SIGNED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 12th day of March, 2013.

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Tommy Roberts, Mayor

SEAL

ATTEST:

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Dianne Fuhrman, City Clerk