

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE**  
**JUNE 8, 2021**



**TOWN OF TAOS**  
**ORDINANCE 21-03**

**AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO NMSA 1978, SECTION 1-22-3.1 (2018) TO OPT-IN TO THE LOCAL ELECTION ACT FOR THE ELECTION OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF TAOS**

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2018 the Local Election Act went into effect as Chapter 1, Article 22, NMSA 1978 establishing the Regular Local Election, a consolidated election day for non-partisan local government bodies on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year; *and*

**WHEREAS**, the Local Election Act also established the Municipal Officer Election Day on the first Tuesday in March of even-numbered years; *and*

**WHEREAS**, the Local Election Act provides the option for each municipality to determine if its elective officers shall be elected on the Municipal Officer Election Day on the first Tuesday of March in even numbered years or at the Regular Local Election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd numbered years; *and*

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taos has considered the issues related to opting in to the Regular Local Election Act, including uniformity of procedure and convenience for the voters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF TAOS, NEW MEXICO THAT:**

**SECTION 1. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED AT THE REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION**

Pursuant to Subsection B of Section 1-22-3.1 NMSA 1978, the Town of Taos opts into the election of its municipal officers in the November Regular Local Election.

**SECTION 2. ADJUSTMENT OF TERMS TO CORRESPOND WITH NEW ELECTION DATE**

**OPTION 1:**

To begin with the Regular Local Election in November 2021, the terms of office for the current municipal office holders shall be adjusted, so that:

- (A) municipal officers elected or appointed to a term ending in 2022 shall serve until December 31, 2021, and the position shall be elected at the regular local election in November 2021 and the term of office shall commence on January 1, 2022; and

(B) municipal officers elected or appointed to a term ending in 2024 shall serve until December 31, 2023, and the position shall be elected at the regular local election in November, 2023 and the term of office shall commence on January 1, 2024.

(OR)

**OPTION 2:**

To begin with the Regular Local Election held in November 2021, the terms of office for the current municipal office holders shall be adjusted, so that:

(A) municipal officers elected or appointed to a term ending in 2022 shall serve until December 31, 2023, and the position shall be elected at the regular local election in November 2023, and the term of office shall commence January 1, 2024; and

(B) municipal officers elected or appointed to a term ending in 2024 shall serve until December 31, 2025, and the position shall be elected at the regular local election in November 2025, and the term of office shall commence January 1, 2026.

**SECTION 3. FILING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE**

Following approval of this ordinance, the Municipal Clerk shall file a copy of the ordinance with the Secretary of State no later than June 30, 2021.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 8th day of June 2021, at the Regular Meeting of the Town Council by the following vote:

Mayor Pro-Tem Nathaniel Evans	_____
Councilmember Darien D. Fernandez	_____
Councilmember George "Fritz" Hahn	_____
Councilmember Pascualito M. Maestas	=====

**TOWN OF TAOS**

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Daniel Barrone, Mayor

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:

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Francella Garcia, Town Clerk

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Stephen C. Ross, Town Attorney