



ORDINANCE 22-02

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 it's 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 into 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
To begin with the Regular Local Election in November 2023, 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 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; and

(B) municipal officers elected or appointed to a term ending in 2026 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 on 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, 2023.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 12th day of April 2022, at the Regular Meeting of the Town Council by the following vote:

Councilmember Darien D. Fernandez	_____
Councilmember Corilia I. Ortega	_____
Councilmember Marietta S. Fambro	_____
Councilmember Nathaniel Evans	_____

TOWN OF TAOS

Pascualito M. Maestas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:

Francella Garcia, Town Clerk

Stephen C. Ross, Town Attorney