



ORDINANCE 22-20

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO PROVIDE WATER UTILITY SERVICE TO THE TAOS REGIONAL AIRPORT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE TOWN OF TAOS

WHEREAS, the New Mexico State Legislature appropriated funds to the New Mexico Economic Development Department (NMEDD) for economic development projects statewide pursuant to the Local Economic Development Act (LEDA); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of LEDA is to provide public support for economic development to foster, promote and enhance local economic development effort; and

WHEREAS, LEDA allows for the application of LEDA funds to provide new, or improvements to, water supply systems, wastewater treatment, power transmission, internet connectivity, roads, highways or rail infrastructure on government owned property in a municipality with a population of less than sixty thousand; and

WHEREAS, the Town has adopted Ordinance 15-03 the Town of Taos Economic Development Ordinance which established the Town's Economic Development Plan that promotes economic development within the Town; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Town to submit an application to the NMEDD for LEDA funding to support extending the Town's water system at the Taos Regional Airport, including connecting the system to the water system owned and operated by El Prado Water and Sanitation District, the Town must adopt an ordinance approving the application and authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Town of Taos, meeting in Regular Session on the 8th day of November, 2022, and after having held a public hearing on the matter, the following ordinance is hereby adopted, approved, and ratified:

Section 1. The Town of Taos Code shall hereby be amended to include the following sections:

4.20.150: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT

The Town is authorized to submit applications to the New Mexico Economic Development Department (NMEDD) for Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) funding to support providing additional water utility service. The Town is further authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the NMEDD for the receipt and transfer of the aforementioned LEDA grant funding.

ORDAINED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 8th day of November, 2022 by the following vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Darien Fernandez	_____
Councilmember Nathaniel Evans	_____
Councilmember Corilia Ortega	_____
Councilmember Marietta Fambro	_____

Pascualito M. Maestas, Mayor

ATTEST

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Francella Garcia, Town Clerk

Christopher Stachura, Town Attorney