



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 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 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 2023 Regular Local Election and thereafter as approved in NMSA 1978, Section 1-23.3.1.

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.

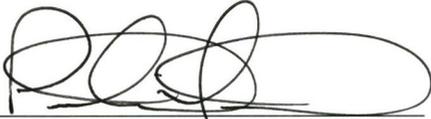
SECTION 3. FILING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE

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 26th day of April 2022, at the Regular Meeting of the Town Council by the following vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Darien D. Fernandez	<u>Yes</u>
Councilmember Nathaniel Evans	<u>Yes</u>
Councilmember Marietta S. Fambro	<u>Yes</u>
Councilmember Corilia I. Ortega	<u>Yes</u>

TOWN OF TAOS

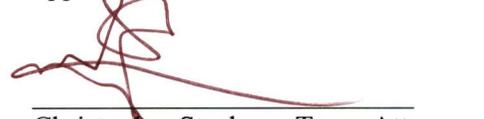


Pascualito M. Maestas, Mayor

ATTEST:


Francella Garcia, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:


Christopher Stachura, Town Attorney

Pascualito M. Maestas, Mayor

Councilmembers:

Nathaniel Evans

Marietta S. Fambro

Darien D. Fernandez

Corilia I. Ortega

Andrew T. Gonzales, Town Manager



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May 4, 2022

Honorable Maggie Toulouse Oliver
Secretary of State
Executive Legislative Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

New Mexico Secretary of State
ATTN: Bureau of Elections
325 Don Gaspar, Suite 300
Santa Fe, NM 87501

ATTN: Bureau of Elections

Dear Madam Secretary:

Enclosed, please find a copy of Ordinance No. 22-02, adopted by the Town of Taos governing body on April 26, 2022, declaring that the Town of Taos has chosen to opt-in to the Regular Local Election to be held on November of odd-numbered years.

The ordinance reduces the terms of office for the current municipal officeholders to adjust to the terms of the Regular Local Election.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (575)751-2004 should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Francella R. Garcia".

Francella R. Garcia
Town Clerk, CMC
Town of Taos
(575)751-2004

Enclosure: Ordinance 22-02

Francella Garcia

From: Francella Garcia
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 5:18 PM
To: 'sos.elections@state.nm.us'
Cc: Denise P. Romero
Subject: Town of Taos Ordinance 22-02 - Opting-in to the Regular Local Election Act
Attachments: Letter to SOS - Submitting a copy of Ordinance 22-02.pdf

Importance: High

Greetings,

Attached is the Town of Taos Ordinance 22-02 opting-in to the Local Election Act for the election of its municipal officers. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Francella R. Garcia
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From: Elections HelpDesk <sos.elections@state.nm.us>
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 5:20 PM
To: Francella Garcia
Subject: [External Email] [Ticket #42995] [EXTERNAL] Town of Taos Ordinance 22-02 - Opting-in to the Regular Local Election...
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On May 04, 2022 @ 05:19 pm, fgarcia@taosgov.com wrote:

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Ticket History

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Please reply to this email or visit the URL below with any additional details.

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From: Elections HelpDesk <sos.elections@state.nm.us>
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 5:37 PM
To: Francella Garcia
Subject: [External Email] [Ticket #42995] [EXTERNAL] Town of Taos Ordinance 22-02 - Opting-in to the Regular Local Election...

Ticket was assigned to Tracey Littrell.

On May 04, 2022 @ 05:36 pm, Charlotte Chinana wrote:

Assigned to Tracey Littrell.

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Sent: Thursday, May 5, 2022 4:42 PM
To: Francella Garcia
Subject: [External Email] [Ticket #42995] [EXTERNAL] Town of Taos Ordinance 22-02 - Opting-in to the Regular Local Election...

Ticket closed by Tracey Littrell.

On May 05, 2022 @ 04:41 pm, Tracey Littrell wrote:

Ticket closed.

Ticket History

On May 05, 2022 @ 04:41 pm, Tracey Littrell wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Secretary of State's Office. We are in receipt of your Ordinance opting in to the 2023 RLE.

Regards,

Tracey

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May 4, 2022

Taos County Clerk Valerie Montoya
Taos County Clerk's Office
105 Albright Street, Suite D
Taos, New Mexico 87571

Dear Ms. Montoya:

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Town Clerk, CMC
Town of Taos
(575)751-2004

Enclosure: Ordinance 22-02

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From: Francella Garcia
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 5:25 PM
To: 'Valerie Montoya'; Anna Martinez; 'Elena Struck'
Cc: Denise P. Romero
Subject: Town of Taos Ordinance 22-02 Opting-In to the Local Election Act
Attachments: Letter to County Clerk - Submission of Ordinance 22-02.PDF

Importance: High

Hi Ladies,

Attached is the Town of Taos Ordinance 22-02 opting-in to the Local Election Act for the election of its municipal officers. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you!

Respectfully,

Francella R. Garcia
Town Clerk, CMC
Town of Taos
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Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF NM }
COUNTY OF TAOS } SS

LEGAL NO. 17,973.
Town of Taos
Notice of Proposed Ordinance Adoption
and Public Hearing

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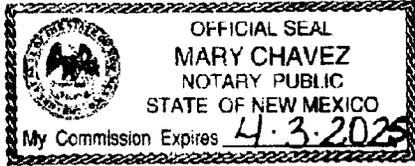
Gabrielle Sanchez, being duly sworn, says:

That she is Legal Advertising Representative of the The
Taos News, a weekly newspaper of general circulation,
printed and published in Colfax County, Rio Arriba County,
Taos County, NM; that the publication, a copy of which is
attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on
the following dates:

April 21, 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Town of Taos Council, meeting in regular session
will hold a Public Hearing on April 26, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Council
Chambers, 121 Civic Plaza, Drive, Taos, New Mexico. The Town of Taos Council
will consider the adoption of the above referenced ordinance. Members of the public
wishing to remotely observe the hearing can livestream the meeting or view it in
archived format on the Town of Taos website taosgov.com

[https://www.taosgov.com/259/
Public-Meetings---Live-Archive](https://www.taosgov.com/259/Public-Meetings---Live-Archive)



This meeting will be a public hearing to consider the merits of the ordinance. The
proposed ordinance is available for inspection on the Town's website at
www.taosgov.com proceed to Departments, Town Clerk, Proposed Ordinances. The
public may also request a copy from Town Clerk Francella Garcia at (575)751-2004
or at fgarcia@taosgov.com

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated
on those dates.

SIGNED:

The Town of Taos is ADA compliant. If you need assistance or accommodations
such as a reader, amplifier, qualified language interpreter, or any other form of
auxiliary aid or service to participate in the public hearing, please contact the Town
Clerk 48 hours before the public hearing at 575-751-2004 during regular business
hours.

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 21st day of April 2022.

Those wishing to attend virtually or submit comments or questions may contact
Town Clerk Francella Garcia at (575)751-2004 or by email fgarcia@taosgov.com
Francella Garcia, Town Clerk
(LEGAL NO. 17,973; PUB. APR. 21, 2022).

Mary Chavez, Notary Public, Taos County, NM

My commission expires: April 03, 2025

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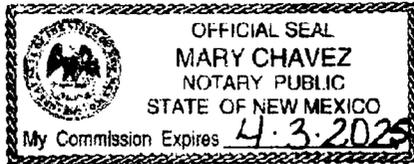
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May 05, 2022



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SIGNED:

Gabrielle Sanchez

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 5th day of May 2022.

Mary Chavez

Mary Chavez, Notary Public, Taos County, NM

My commission expires: April 03, 2025

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, the Town of Taos Council, at their Regular Meeting at the Town Council Chambers, Coronado Hall, 120 Civic Plaza Drive, at 4:00 P.M., adopted the above referenced ordinance.

This meeting was a public hearing to consider the merits of the proposed ordinance. The public may request a copy from Town Clerk Francella Garcia at (575)751-2004 or at fgarcia@taosgov.com
The ordinance is also available for viewing online at <https://publicrecords.taosgov.com/WebLink>

Francella R. Garcia, Town Clerk
(LEGAL NO. 18,002; PUB. MAY 05, 2022).

Francella Garcia

From: Francella Garcia
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 10:48 AM
To: 'kirk@franklinlegal.net'
Cc: Denise P. Romero
Subject: Codification of Ordinance 22-02
Attachments: 22-02 Local Election Act Ordinance.docx

Mr. Franklin,
Please codify the attached Town of Taos Ordinance 22-02 which was adopted by Town Council on April 26, 2022. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Francella R. Garcia
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