

City/Town/Village of _____, New Mexico
ORDINANCE # _____

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO NMSA 1978, SECTION 1-22-3.1 (2018) TO OPT IN FOR THE ELECTION OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE OF _____ IN THE NEXT REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION.

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 City/Town/Village of _____ 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 CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE OF _____, 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 City/Town/Village of _____ opts in to 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 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, the new term of the position shall be elected at the regular local election in November 2023, and the new term shall commence January 1, 2024; *and*

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

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OPTION 2:

To begin with the Regular Local Election held 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, 2025, the new term of the position shall be elected at the regular local election in November 2025, and the new term shall commence January 1, 2026; and

(B) municipal officers elected or appointed to a term ending in 2026 shall serve until December 31, 2027, the new term of the position shall be elected at the regular local election in November 2027, and the new term shall commence January 1, 2028.

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 on this ____ day of ____, 2023.

The Hon. NAME
Mayor of City/Town/Village of _____

ATTEST:

NAME, Municipal Clerk