

## The Town of Edgewood and the Local Election Act

The Town of Edgewood has opted into the provisions of the 2018 Local Election Act, which provides the option for each municipality to have its officers elected during the November Local Election on non-partisan election years (odd years).

Opting into the Regular Local Election provides cost savings, uniformity of procedure and convenience for voters by combining all non-partisan elections (such as school board and special districts) and may also improve voter turnout.

The Town of Edgewood Town Council voted to opt into the Regular Local Election and extend terms (click here to view the ordinance – [Ordinance No. 2018-13](#)) at the December 19, 2018 Town Council Meeting (For Agenda and Minutes [click here](#)), The vote to opt in and extend was a 3-0 vote with Councilors Abrams, Holle and Jaramillo voting for, Councilor Abraham absent and none voting against.

### Time Line:

*November 14, 2018: A presentation on the Local Election Act is made by Santa Fe County Clerk Geraldine Salazar, Town Attorney Randy Autio, Clerk/Treasurer Juan Torres and Deputy Clerk Carla Salazar. What follows is a Q & A with members of the Governing Body. On the same agenda, A call for a public hearing for a Local Election Act Ordinance is made. ([Click here](#) for a copy of that agenda).*

*December 19, 2018: A Public Hearing on the Local Election Act Ordinance is held. Two Ordinances are presented for discussion. One to opt in and extend terms and one to opt in and shorten terms. The other option presented was to not act on either Ordinance in which case the Local Municipal Election would remain in March of even numbered years. Public Comment is taken. The Santa Fe County Clerk is present at the meeting. A motion is made by Councilor Abrams and seconded by Councilor Holle to opt into the Regular Local Election and extend terms. A roll call vote is taken: Councilor Jaramillo votes aye, Councilor Abrams votes aye, Councilor Holle votes aye. Councilor Abraham is not present. There are no dissenting votes. Ordinance 2018-13 opting into the Local Election Act and extending terms is passed by a vote of 3-0.*

Most municipalities in New Mexico have also opted into the Regular Local Election. Of those voting to opt in, about 60% voted to opt in and extend terms and 40% voted to opt in and shorten terms. The decision to opt into the Regular Local Election, with extended terms, means that elections for Town of Edgewood officials have been moved to line up with subsequent November elections. Upcoming elections for Town of Edgewood officials will now take place on the following dates:

November 2, 2021:

Mayor (Current Incumbent: John Bassett)

Open Council Seat (Current Incumbent: John Abrams)

Open Council Seat (Current Incumbent: Sherry Abraham)

November 7, 2023:

Open Council Seat (Current Incumbent: Linda Holle)

Open Council Seat (Current Incumbent: Audrey Jaramillo)

For information about the Local Election Act, please visit <https://www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/voter-information/local-election-act-information/>