

Town of Edgewood, New Mexico

Ordinance No. 2018-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EDGEWOOD OPTING INTO THE REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION FOR THE ELECTION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, PURSUANT TO THE OPT IN REQUIREMENT OF NMSA 1978 SECTION 1-22-3.1 (2018)

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 off-numbered year; and,

Whereas, the Local Election Act also established the Municipal Officer Election Day on the first Tuesday of 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 or at the Regular Local Election; and,

Whereas, the Town of Edgewood has considered the issues related to opting in, including uniformity of procedure and convenience of voters.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF EDGEWOOD, NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Subsection B of Section 1-22-3.1, the Town of Edgewood opts into the election of its municipal officers on the Regular Local Election Day, the first Tuesday of November of odd numbered years.

Section 2. Pursuant to the statutory municipal option to choose how to adjust the terms of municipal office holders for opting into the Regular Local Election, the terms of elected officers are adjusted by lengthening the terms as follows:

A. Municipal officers elected or appointed to a term ending in 2020 shall serve until December 31, 2021; the new term of the position shall be elected at the regular local election in November 2021; and, the new term shall commence January 1, 2022; and,

B. Municipal officers elected or appointed to a term ending in 2022 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.

Section 3. Filing with the Secretary of State: Following the approval of this ordinance, the Municipal Clerk shall file a copy of the ordinance with the secretary of state no later than January 30, 2019.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 19th day of December 2018 at an open meeting held at the Edgewood Town Hall, Edgewood, New Mexico.



John Bassett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Juan Torres, Clerk-Treasurer