

CITY OF BELEN

ORDINANCE # 2019-01

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO NMSA 1978, SECTION 1-22-3.1 (2018) TO OPT IN TO THE ELECTION OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICER OF THE CITY OF BELEN IN THE 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 years; 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 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 of Belen has considered the issues related to option in to the Regular Local Election Act, including the uniformity of procedure and convenience for the voters.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BELEN, 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 of Belen 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

To begin with the Regular Local Election in November 2019, 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 2020 shall serve until December 31, 2019, the new term of the position shall be elected at the regular local election in November 2019, and the new term shall commence January 1, 2020; and

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

Section 3: Filing with the Secretary of State in New Mexico

Following approval of this ordinance, the Municipal Clerk shall file a copy of this ordinance with the NM Secretary of State no later than January 31, 2019.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED BY THE CITY OF BELEN GOVERNING BODY ON THIS 7TH DAY OF JANUARY 2019.



Jerah R. Cordova, Mayor

ATTEST:



Belen City Clerk