

**CITY OF BELEN  
RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 22**

**DECLARATION OF THE CITY OF BELEN TO IMPLEMENT A CAMPAIGN  
SIGN DISPLAY EXTENSION RESOLUTION AS A RESULT OF COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham proclaimed a public health emergency and invoked all powers under the All Hazard Emergency Act, NMSA 1978 §§12-10-1 through 12-10-10, for a minimum period of thirty (30) days; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Health Secretary has issued a Public Health Order suspending mass gatherings in New Mexico effective immediately in order to prevent the spread of the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC has advised that local governments should take immediate action to limit the spread of the virus through social distancing, cancellation of public meetings, limiting public gatherings and events, and implementing additional public health and education measures to prevent, contain and mitigate the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout New Mexico, Valencia County, and The City of Belen significantly impacts the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Belen, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property and the public peace.

**WHEREAS**, normal important election campaign procedures such as rallies and door to door lobbying are severely restricted resulting in limited cost effective candidate outreach.

**WHEREAS**, campaign signage now plays a critical role in effectively getting candidate images and messages in front of voters and encouraging turnout.

**WHEREAS**. City Ordinance 2016-07, 11-7-2016, Article 17.58.090 – Campaign signs, limits the display of campaign signs to no sooner than thirty (30) days prior to election day, significantly limiting campaign signs effectiveness during the Covid-19 Public Health Order.

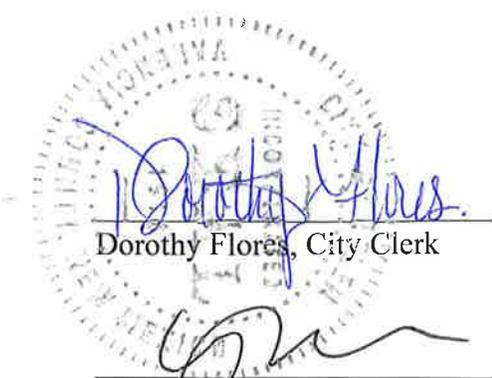
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the governing body of the City of Belen, by this Resolution enact as follows:

For a one-time occurrence, the display of campaign sign permits are allowed to be issued authorizing displays to commence on August 18, 2020 and that permit shall expire at the existing code time period of the tenth day following election day.



Roseann Peralta Interim, City Manager

  
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Honorable Jerah Cordova, Mayor



Dorothy Flores, City Clerk



Y. Jun Roh, City Attorney