

# City of Rio Communities, New Mexico

## Ordinance No: 2019-66

### **AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO NMSA 1978, SECTION 1-22-3.1 (2018) TO OPT IN TO THE ELECTION OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES 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 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 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 Rio Communities 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 HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the City of Rio Communities, State of New Mexico:

**SECTION 1. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED AT THE REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION DATE**

Pursuant to subsection B of Section 1-22-3.1 NMSA 1978 the City of Rio Communities 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 the position shall be elected at the regular

local election in November 2021, and the new term shall commence January 1, 2022.

SECTION 3. Following 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 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2019 BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES, NEW MEXICO.**

**City of Rio Communities Governing Body**

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Mark Gwinn,  
Mayor

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Councilor

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ATTEST:

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