

City of Lovington, New Mexico
ORDINANCE #597

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO NMSA 1978, SECTION 1-22-3.1 (2018) TO OPT IN FOR THE ELECTION OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF LOVINGTON IN THE NEXT 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 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 Lovington has considered the issues related to opting into the Regular Local Election Act, including uniformity of procedure and convenience for the voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LOVINGTON, 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 Lovington opts into the election of its municipal officers in the November Regular Local Election.

SECTION 2. ADJUSTMENT OF TERMS TO CORRESPOND WITH NEW ELECTION DATE

OPTION 1:

To begin with the Regular Local Election in November 2023, 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 2024 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; *and*

(B) municipal officers elected or appointed to a term ending in 2026 shall serve until December 31, 2025, the new term of the position shall be elected at the regular local election in November 2025, and the new term shall commence January 1, 2026.

OPTION 2:

To begin with the Regular Local Election held in November 2023, 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 2024 shall serve until December 31, 2025, the new term of the position shall be elected at the regular local election in November 2025, and the new term shall commence January 1, 2026; and

(B) municipal officers elected or appointed to a term ending in 2026 shall serve until December 31, 2027, the new term of the position shall be elected at the regular local election in November 2027, and the new term shall commence January 1, 2028.

SECTION 3. FILING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE

Following approval of this ordinance, the Municipal Clerk shall file a copy of the ordinance with the Secretary of State no later than June 30, 2023.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this 10th of APRIL, 2023.

City of Lovington
New Mexico

Howard Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Lester, City Clerk