



## VILLAGE OF CORRALES

### ORDINANCE NO. 07-018

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-56, "ELECTION; TERMS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE, BEING A PORTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1, PASSED AND ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 17, 1971; PROVIDING THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VILLAGE SHALL CONSIST OF SIX (6) COUNCILORS ELECTED AT LARGE; CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE INCREASE TO SIX (6) COUNCILORS SHALL BE APPROVED.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 3-12-2(D), NMSA 1978, provides that the governing body of a municipality having a mayor-council form of government shall consist of the mayor and not less than four or more than ten councilors or trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council, the Governing Body ("Governing Body") of the Village of Corrales (the "Village"), as constituted upon the incorporation of the Village in 1971, consists of the mayor and four councilors who are elected at large; and

**WHEREAS**, the size and population of the Village and the complexity of issues faced by the Governing Body have increased significantly since the incorporation of the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, additional councilors could lessen the probability of encountering the super-majority requirements of Section 3-12-2E, NMSA 1978, in situations where members of the Governing Body are unavailable due to absence, incapacity, disability or death; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing the membership of the Governing Body to include six (6) councilors may provide better representation of Village citizens on the Governing Body, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of the Governing Body in addressing issues of concern to the Village and its citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Governing Body of the Village of Corrales, New Mexico, that:

1. Section 2-56 "Election; terms" of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Corrales shall be amended to read as follows:

The legislative branch of the village shall consist of a Governing Body of six councilors to be elected at large for staggered terms of four years, with terms of one-half of the councilors expiring at the end of one two-year period and the terms of the other councilors expiring at the end of the following two-year period.

2. A special election shall be called and held on March 4, 2008, in conjunction with the regular municipal election to be held on that date, to determine the question whether to approve or disapprove the change in the number of councilors as provided herein.

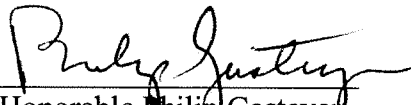
3. The foregoing amendment of Section 2-56 shall be effective if, and only if, it is approved by a majority of those voting in the special election.

4. If the voters should approve the increase to six councilors, a special election shall be called in August 2008 to fill the two new positions. One position is to be filled until the Regular Municipal Election in 2010, one position to be filled until the Regular Municipal Election in 2012

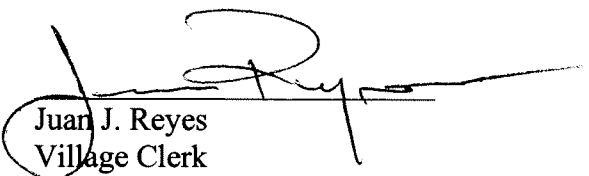
COMPILING CLAUSE: The amendment made by Paragraph 1 of this Ordinance shall be incorporated in and compiled as a part of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Corrales, if and only if it is approved by a majority of those voting in the special election called for March 4, 2008, as provided herein.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Body of the Village of Corrales, New Mexico, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.

APPROVED:

  
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The Honorable Philip Gasteyer  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Juan J. Reyes  
Village Clerk