

CITY OF HOBBS

ORDINANCE NO. 1152

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HOBBS TO OPT IN TO LOCAL ELECTIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

**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 Hobbs has considered the issues related to opting in to the Regular Local Election Act, including uniformity of procedures and convenience for the voters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the governing body of the City of Hobbs, New Mexico, that the City of Hobbs hereby opts in to the election of its municipal officers in the November Regular Local Election.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the terms of office for municipal officers shall be adjusted as follows to correspond with the new election date:

Extending terms:

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.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon 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, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

  
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SAM D. COBB, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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JAN FLETCHER, City Clerk

