

**CITY OF AZTEC, NEW MEXICO
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-511**

**An Ordinance Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-22-3.1 (2018) to Opt-In to the
Municipal Officers Election of the City of Aztec 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 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 Aztec 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 Aztec, New Mexico:

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 Aztec opts into the election of its municipal officers in the November Regular Local Election (Amends Chapter 29 Election District, Section 29-1. Authority).

SECTION 2. Adjustment of Terms to Correspond with New Election Date

Option 1:

To begin with the Regular Local Election in November 2021, the terms of office for the current municipal officeholders shall be adjusted, so that:

- A. 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 20, 2021 and the new term shall commence January 1, 2022; and
- B. 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.

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, 2021.

PASSED, APPROVED, SIGNED AND ADOPTED this November 24th 2020, by the Aztec City Commission, City of Aztec, New Mexico.

Mayor Victor C. Snover

ATTEST:

Karla Saylor, City Clerk CMC

APPROVE AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

Advertised Date of Final Adoption: _____

Effective Date of Ordinance: _____