



RESOLUTION 09-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE *TOWN OF TAOS RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE*.

WHEREAS, recycling saves America's natural resources for generations to come while significantly reducing solid waste disposal costs and preserving landfill space; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Taos has been a leader in the region through its creation and use of the *Town of Taos Recycling Center*, which focuses on decreasing the impact of solid waste on the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town has furthered its commitment to recycling initiatives by allocating five (5) acres of land to the County of Taos for the recycling of plastics; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that any success derived from the Town of Taos' recycling program is directly attributed to the members of the community who continue to use the facility and engage in other environmentally friendly waste practices; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to foster the enhancement of recycling, reuse and waste reduction programs throughout the region by soliciting input from the community at large; and

WHEREAS, the Town acknowledges the exceptional work done by recycling groups in Taos and desires to organize those resources; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds it is in the best interest of the community to appoint a Recycling Advisory Committee to recommend policy initiatives to the Town Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Taos, Taos, New Mexico, that:

1. It hereby creates the Town of Taos Recycling Advisory Committee, herein after referred to as the "Committee." The Committee shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Town Council. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Town Manager, and the Mayor and Council on issues of recycling, reuse and waste reduction as they relate to the Town of Taos.

2. The members of the Committee serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and may be replaced at will. The term of the appointment for the Committee Members will be for the term of office of the Mayor. At that time, the term of the Committee Members shall expire, and it will be up to the new Mayor to appoint or re-appoint the members. The members of the Committee will serve as such without compensation.
3. The Committee shall consist of thirteen (13) voting members who are residents of the community at large. Preference for membership will be given to individuals who have a history in working with recycling and reuse services, and demonstrate a commitment to waste reduction within the region. The membership of the Committee shall strive to reflect the demographic and geographic diversity of Taos.
4. The Mayor shall appoint the Chairperson of the Committee who shall serve until replaced by the Mayor upon completion of the Mayor's current term. Annually thereafter, or upon the vacancy of such position, the Committee will hold elections for the succeeding year by electing from its membership a chairperson, vice-chairperson, a secretary and such other officers as may be necessary to carry out the functions for which it was created.
5. The Chairperson shall meet at least quarterly with the Town Manager to brief him/her on the activities of the Committee and the status of any programs.
6. The Director of Public Works or his/her designee(s) (i.e. Landfill Manager, Recycling Coordinator, etc.) shall be the staff liaison(s) to the Committee. The Director of Public works or his/her designee shall notify the Town Manager and Mayor of any vacancies on the Committee (present or prospective in the near future).
7. The members of the Committee shall communicate with town employees and contractors solely through the Public Works Director or his/her designee. No member of the Committee shall give any order directly to any department or employee, either publicly or privately. It should be clear that only a majority of the Committee has any authority to recommend policy and procedure to the Town Council.
8. All news releases regarding Committee action and/or decisions must be approved and released by the Town Manager to ensure that content matches intent.
9. The Committee shall act as an advisory body only and shall advise and assist the Town Council in their policy-making decisions as it relates to recycling. All recommendations from the Committee shall first be submitted to the Town Manager, through the Director of Public Works or his/her designee, for review and comment.
10. The Committee Members will be obligated to put the interests of the Town of Taos before all personal considerations. Their goal should be to strive for "what is in the best interest of the broadest public good for the Town of Taos."

11. The Committee shall hold regular meetings, the date to be fixed by the Committee. The time and place of such meetings shall be fixed by the board during its first meeting.
12. A majority of the Committee is a quorum for the purpose of transacting business. Unless otherwise provided by law, a question before the Committee shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present. No business shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum. Individual members will not speak for the Committee unless specifically authorized to do so by Committee action.
13. The Committee may prepare by-laws or procedures for the operation and conduct of the Committee, subject to approval of the Town Council. The operation of the recycling center and landfill facilities shall be under the supervision of the Public Works Director, as directed by the Town Manager.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF TAOS COUNCIL AT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 12, 2009.

Mayor Pro Tem Rudy C. Abeyta	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember A. Eugene Sanchez	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Amy J. Quintana	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Michael A. Silva	<u>yes</u>

TOWN OF TAOS

Darren M. Cordova, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

Allen Ferguson, Jr., Town Attorney