



**TOWN OF TAOS  
RESOLUTION NO.09-40**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAOS  
REGARDING ANNEXATION AND COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE  
PLANNING POLICY AND DIRECTING STAFF TO IMPLEMENT SAID  
ANNEXATION AND COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANNING  
POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, ensuring the orderly development of the Town of Taos and provision of public services is an essential function of the Town government; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taos continues to work to provide adequate public services and infrastructure to the citizens of the Town; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taos contains some county islands that complicate jurisdiction and provision of public services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taos is undertaking a revision of its comprehensive plan and specifically the land use element of the comprehensive plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taos is provided planning and platting jurisdiction within three-miles of its municipal boundary under NMSA 1978 §3-19-5 A (2); and,

**WHEREAS**, it is of mutual interest and benefit for the Town of Taos and Taos County to jointly plan for the limits of the incorporation of the Town of Taos; and,

**WHEREAS**, an annexation policy for the Town of Taos is essential to the orderly development of the community and for land use planning in general,

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, by the Town Council of the Town of Taos as follows:

**Article 1:** The Town of Taos shall not initiate the annexation of land through the arbitration method or by petition to the Municipal Boundary Commission without notifying the Chair of the Taos County Board of Commissioners prior to taking such action.

**Article 2:** The Town of Taos Department of Community and Economic Development shall provide notification to the Taos County Director of Planning and Taos County Manager of any citizen petition to annex property into the municipal boundary of the Town of Taos prior to any formal action by the Town of Taos Planning and Zoning Commission.

**Article 3:** The Town of Taos Department of Community and Economic Development shall work with the Taos County Planning Department to develop those portions of the comprehensive land use element of the Town of Taos Comprehensive Plan that include the area within the Planning and Platting Jurisdiction provided under NMSA 1978 §3-19-5 A (2). That portion of the land use element of the Town of Taos Comprehensive Plan exterior to the Town municipal boundary and within the Town's Planning and Platting Jurisdiction shall be submitted to the Taos County Board of Commissioners for their approval or suggested changes before it is adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Taos.

**Article 4:** Nothing in this Resolution shall be considered to impede or otherwise condition the process by which owners of contiguous territory may petition for annexation by the Town of Taos pursuant to NMSA 1978 §3-7-17.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED**, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2009, at the regular meeting of the Town Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Rudy C. Abeyta      no vote  
*(Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta conducted the meeting in the absence of the Mayor, therefore, he did not vote.)*

Councilmember A. Eugene Sanchez      yes  
Councilmember Amy J. Quintana      yes  
Councilmember Michael A. Silva      yes

**TOWN OF TAOS**

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**Darren M. Cordova, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**Renee Lucero, Town Clerk**

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**Allen Ferguson, Jr., Town Attorney**