



VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE

2023

REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION (RLE) CANDIDATE GUIDE

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About This Guide

This publication has been prepared by the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque with information provided by the Office of the New Mexico Secretary of State, Bureau of Elections, to serve as an easy-to-use reference for candidates who are seeking office in the 2023 Regular Local Election (RLE), as well as for anyone interested in the election process in New Mexico. In addition to candidates, a Regular Local Election ballot may contain ballot questions proposed by the state, county, or local government, or as otherwise provided by law.

Please note, this guide is intended merely as reference, not as a legal authority. This guide does not supersede federal or state laws or rules, and it does not have the force of law. Please always consult the local government's specific governing statute, charter, or ordinance for the specific requirements to hold elected office.

Copies of the New Mexico Election Code and other applicable laws are available in the 2023 Election Handbook of the State of New Mexico, which is published on the website at www.sos.state.nm.us.

If you have any questions regarding elections that are not provided for in this guide, please feel free to call:

Bernalillo County Clerk's Office; 505-243-8683

Bureau of Elections; 1 -800-477-3632 or (505) 827-3600, or email sos.elections@state.nm.us.

Village of Los Ranchos Village Clerk; 505-344-6582

Information about the Village:

The Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico incorporated in 1958 (pop. +/-6024) and is located in the heart of the North Valley region of Bernalillo County, just seven miles from downtown Albuquerque.

The Village has a mayor-council form of government with the following elected positions:

Mayor, four Board of Trustees, and a Municipal Judge.

Governing body meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month.

Elected officials serve at large, not by district. Municipal elections are nonpartisan, political party affiliations will not appear on the election ballot.

The following Three (3) Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque At Large Positions for 2023 are:

- Position for a **Mayor** for a four-year term
- Position for a **Trustee** for a four-year term
- Position for a **Trustee** for a four-year term

§ 2.1.5 SALARY OF MAYOR

(Appendix D)

(A) The Mayor shall be paid a salary of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per month, subject to all withholdings required by law.

(B) The amount of salary paid to the Mayor shall be neither raised nor lowered during any term of office of the Mayor.

§ 2.1.6 TRUSTEES TO BE COMPENSATED

(Appendix D)

(A) The Trustees shall receive compensation in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Trustees shall receive no other compensation for their services except reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the Village when expressly authorized by the Board.

(B) Changes in compensation shall be budgeted by the Village and shall be paid at the earliest date allowed under State Law.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

The New Mexico Campaign Practices Act is NMSA 1978 1-19-1 through 1-19-37. The Village of Los Ranchos does not have an ordinance requiring campaign contribution reporting. It is highly recommended that candidates familiarize themselves with the New Mexico Campaign Practices Act.

POLITICAL SIGN REQUIREMENTS

The Village of Los Ranchos Codified Ordinances Chapter 9 Article 2, Section 22 sub-section K, provides sign usage definitions and constraints which is attached with the packet, (Appendix E).

If you have a proposed sign that you would like to have reviewed, if you would like to discuss format or location, or if you have any other questions please do not hesitate to the Planning and Zoning Department at (505) 344-6582.

VILLAGE VISION ADVERTISEMENTS

Political advertisements will be allowed in the magazine as long as advertisements are received before the deadline dates, paid in full, and will be placed according to layout design and within the Magazine page capacity specified for that issue.

Information regarding advertising in the Village Vision magazine may found on the Village's website; <https://www.losranchosnm.gov/village-vision-magazine> or by contacting Ann Simon at (505)-344-6582.

The use of the Village of Los Ranchos logo in any type of political advertisement is prohibited.

Regular Local Election (RLE); General Information

The Local Election Act (LEA), passed by the New Mexico Legislature in 2018, provides for a consolidated local election to be conducted in New Mexico. In addition, HB 407 was signed on April 3, 2019, which provided additional updates to the LEA.

The LEA repealed the Municipal and School Board Election Codes and requires all elections to follow uniform election procedures for the call, conduct, and canvass of all elections. The LEA established two new statewide elections:

1. Regular Local Election (RLE): the biennial local election at which local governing body members are elected pursuant to the provisions of the LEA held every November of odd years.
2. Municipal Officer's Election: municipalities that have not opted into the RLE will elect executive and judicial officers during this election held every March of even-numbered years.

In addition, all Special Local Elections in New Mexico will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Special Election Act. §§ 1-24-1 to -5.

Local governments that can participate in the Regular Local Election are defined as:

A political subdivision of the state with or without authority to levy taxes pursuant to Article 8, Section 9 of the constitution of New Mexico and its enabling legislation, but and does not include a conservancy district governed pursuant to Chapter 73, Article 14 or 18 NMSA 1978 or a county;

A political subdivision of the state without authority to levy taxes pursuant to Article 8, Section 9 of the constitution of New Mexico or its enabling legislation, but whose statutory provisions provide for election of officers or ballot questions to be decided

Pursuant to the Local Election Act, municipal districts have the option of opting-in to the Regular Local Election by June 30, 2019. Municipalities who Opt-in can lengthen or shorten its municipal officer's terms to comply with the LEA timeframes. Please send municipality Opt-in ordinances via email to the SOS to: Elections@sos.nm.gov

Regular Local Election – Important Dates

August 9, 2023:

The Secretary of State shall by resolution issue a public proclamation in Spanish and English calling a Regular Local Election. The proclamation shall be issued and filed by the Secretary of State in the office of the Secretary of State ninety days preceding the date of the Regular Local Election and, upon filing the proclamation, the Secretary of State shall post the proclamation and certify it to each county clerk. § 1-22-4(B)(C), NMSA 1978.

CANDIDATE FILING DAY

August 29, 2023:

A candidate for a position that will be filled at a local election shall file a declaration of candidacy (Appendix A) with the proper filing officer, Bernalillo County Clerk's Office, 415 Silver Ave. SW, during the period commencing at 9:00 a.m. on the seventieth (70) day before the date of the local election and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the same day. § 1-22-7, NMSA 1978.

- A candidate shall file for only one position in the same local government but may file for a position in more than one local government on the same filing day. § 1-22-7, NMSA 1978.
- A declaration of candidacy shall not be amended after it has been filed. § 1-22-7, 1978.
- Each declaration of candidacy shall be delivered for filing in person by the eligible candidate or by a person acting by virtue of written authorization, (Appendix B). The proper filing officer shall not accept for filing from anyone individual more than one declaration of candidacy. § 1-22-7, NMSA 1978.
- No person shall become a candidate in a local election unless the person's record of voter registration shows that the person is a qualified elector of the state, physically resides in the district in which the person is a candidate and was registered to vote in the district on the date of the proclamation calling a local election is filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

FILING DAY FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

September 5, 2023:

A person desiring to be a write-in candidate for an office shall file with the proper filing officer, Bernalillo County Clerk's Office, a declaration of candidacy. The declaration shall be filed between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the sixty-third (63) day preceding the date of the election. The county clerk shall ensure that a declaration of candidacy filed pursuant to this section specifies that it is for a write-in candidate. §1-22-8.1(C), NMSA 1978.

LAST DAY FOR CANDIDATES TO WITHDRAW FROM THE RLE

September 5, 2023:

A candidate seeking to withdraw from a local election shall withdraw no later than the sixty-third (63) day before that election by filing a signed and notarized statement of withdrawal, (Appendix C) with the proper filing officer, Bernalillo County Clerk's Office. § 1-10-6(C)(1), NMSA 1978.

September 8, 2023:

The proper filing officer shall determine whether a candidate filing a declaration of candidacy is registered to vote within the area to be elected to represent and, if required for the office being sought, whether the candidate's nominating petition for that office has been filed with a number of signatures that is equal to or greater than the number required for that office.

If the candidate is so qualified and no withdrawal of candidacy has been filed as provided in the Local Election Act, the proper filing officer shall place the candidate's name on the ballot for the position specified in the declaration of candidacy and notify each candidate in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on the sixtieth (60) day before the local election.

October 10, 2023:

To participate in an election, the deadline to register to vote or update an existing voter registration is twenty-eight (28) days prior to that election. This is applicable only to mail-in or online registration applications. §1-4-8(A), NMSA1978.

Same Day Registration (SDR) available during Early Voting and on Election Day.

October 10, 2023:

Early voting begins, commencing on the third (3) Saturday prior to an election a voter may vote in person on a voting system at an alternate voting location established by Bernalillo County Clerk. § 1-6- 5.7(B)(2), NMSA 1978.

October 21, 2023:

Upon written notice filed with the Secretary of State no later than seven (7) days before the election, any group of three candidates in a local election may appoint watchers in a county who shall have the powers and be subject to the restrictions provided for watchers in the Election Code. § 1-2-27 (B).

20 Early Voting Centers throughout Bernalillo County;

- Los Ranchos Villa, 6601 4th Street NW Suite U (located in the Village of Los Ranchos)
Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

November 4, 2023:

On the Saturday immediately preceding the election, absentee and early voting ends.
§ 1-6-5.7(B)(2), NMSA 1978.

November 7, 2023: ELECTION DAY

A Regular Local Election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year. § 1-22-3, NMSA 1978.

- A local election shall be held to elect qualified persons to membership on a local governing body and, where applicable, to municipal executive office and to municipal judicial office. § 1-22—3, NMSA 1978.
- In addition to candidates in the election, a Regular Local Election ballot may contain ballot proposed by the state, county, or local government, or as otherwise provided by law.

72 Election Day Voting Centers throughout Bernalillo County;

- o Taylor Middle School, 8200 Guadalupe Trail NW (located in the Village of Los Ranchos)
- o Los Ranchos Villa, 6601 4th Street NW Suite U (located in the Village of Los Ranchos)
- o Valley High School, 1505 Candelaria NW (located south of the Village of Los Ranchos)

Post-Election

November 13, 2023:

The county canvassing board shall meet to approve the report of the canvass of the returns and declare the results no sooner than six (6) days and no later than ten (10) days from the date of the election. A county canvassing board in a county with more than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) voters shall meet to approve the report of the canvass of the returns and declare the results no sooner than six (6) days and no later than thirteen (13) days from the date of the election. § 1-13-13(A), NMSA 1978.

November 28, 2023:

The state canvassing board shall meet in the state capitol on the third (3) Tuesday after each statewide election and proceed to approve the report of the canvass and declare the results of the election or nomination of each candidate or ballot question voted upon by the entire state and by the voters of more than one county. §1-13-15, NMSA 1978.

December 1, 2023:

Upon approval of the report of the state canvass, but not sooner than the twenty-fourth (24) day after a regular local election, the Secretary of State shall issue to the candidate entitled by law the appropriate certificate of election. §1-13-16, NMSA 1978.

START DATE OF OFFICERS ELECTED TO SERVE FULL TERMS

January 1, 2024:

The term of office of a candidate elected in a Regular Local Election or ensuing top-two runoff election shall begin on January 1 following the candidate's election, and the candidate to whom a certificate of election has been issued shall take the oath of office before entering upon the duties of office. § 1-22-18, NMSA 1978.

****Elected Officials will be required to attend the Newly Elected Officials Training provided by the New Mexico Municipal League.**

General Eligibility Requirements for Regular Local Election Offices

To become a candidate for any office on the Regular Local Election ballot, a person must be a registered voter and possess the qualifications specified by law.

Voter Registration Requirements: New Mexico law outlines certain requirements for candidates to have their name printed on a ballot based upon the candidate's voter registration information. Specifically, the candidate's voter registration must show:

1. For offices with district or county residency requirements, eligibility is determined by reviewing the candidate's voter registration address as of the date of the election proclamation. NMSA 1978, §§ 1-22-8 and 1-22-10.
2. Residency is determined by the place shown on the certificate of voter registration as the candidate's permanent address, provided that the candidate resides on the premises. § 1-1-7.1.
3. The candidate's name will appear on the ballot to match the voter registration record on file. If a candidate's voter registration includes a middle name or initial, it will be included on the ballot. § 1-10-6.
4. The candidate shall provide the proper filing officer with the same name as registered when they file for office. Any changes to voter registration must be effective on or before the date of the Election Proclamation. Attempted changes to ballot name appearance at the time of candidate filing is NOT allowed.

Candidates may review their current voter registration information by looking up their voter registration record <https://www.bernco.gov/clerk/voter-registration.aspx> or by contacting the proper filing officer for a copy of their voter registration certificate.

FELONY CONVICTIONS:

A person who has been convicted of a felony shall not be permitted to hold an office of public trust for the state, a county, a municipality or a district, unless the person has presented the governor with a certificate verifying the completion of the sentence and was granted a pardon or a certificate by the governor restoring the person's full rights of citizenship. § 31-13-1 (E).

Filing for Candidacy

Individuals seeking candidacy shall file a declaration of candidacy on the seventieth (70) day before the Regular Local Election between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A candidate shall file for only one position in the same local government but may file for a position in more than one local government at the same time. § 1-22-7, NMSA 1978.

**Please note that some candidate requirements, such as nomination petitions, public financing, and campaign finance reporting, are specific to each local government. Please check with the local government or Bernalillo County Clerk's Office to find out what additional documentation may be required to become a candidate.

When to file:

Tuesday, August 29, 2023, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

What to file:

Each candidate filing to appear on the Regular Local Election ballot must submit the following completed forms to the proper filing officer during the designated hours:

1. Declaration of Candidacy;
2. Affidavit of Designee for Filing (only if someone is filing on behalf of the candidate).

Where to file:

BERNALILLO COUNTY OFFICES LOCATED AT ALVARADO SQUARE, 415 SILVER AVE, SW.

Filing Day Tips:

- Do not expect early service. Filing officers will not accept filings prior to 9:00 a.m.
- Do not wait until the last minute. Candidates not appearing by 5:00 p.m. in the appropriate filing officer's office cannot file.
- Candidates must file with the BERNALILLO COUNTY OFFICES LOCATED AT ALVARADO SQUARE, 415 SILVER AVE SW IN THE KEN SANCHEZ CHAMBERS LOCATED ON THE 1ST FLOOR.
- Be prepared with all necessary information and have all forms completed. Please keep in mind that some of the forms will require notarized signature.
- Candidates must file in person, either themselves or via a proxy with written authorization from the candidate permitting the individual to act on the candidate's behalf. Further, filing officers may accept one and only one declaration of candidacy from any individual, i.e., candidates may only file for one office within the same local government in an election cycle. § 1-22-7, NMSA 1978.

Filing for Candidacy as a Write-In Candidate

Individuals may be a write-in candidate only if the person has the qualifications to be a candidate for the position for which the person is running. A person desiring to be a write-in candidate for an office shall file a declaration of candidacy on the sixty-third (63) day before the election between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. § 1-22-8.1 (B), (C).

****Please note that some candidate requirements, such as nomination petitions, public financing, or campaign finance reports, are specific to each local government. Please check with the local government or Bernalillo County Clerk's Office to find out what additional documentation may be required to become a candidate.**

When to file:

Tuesday, September 5, 2023, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

What to file:

Each candidate filing to appear on the Regular Local Election ballot must submit the following completed forms to the proper filing officer during the designated hours:

1. Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate;
2. Affidavit of Designee for Filing (only if someone is filing on behalf of the candidate).

Where to file:

BERNALILLO COUNTY OFFICES LOCATED AT ALVARADO SQUARE, 415 SILVER AVE SW.

Last Day for Candidates to Withdraw from the RLE

Candidates who decide to withdraw their candidacy must submit a signed and notarized Affidavit of Withdrawal of Candidacy by the deadline to the proper filing officer, Bernalillo County Clerk's Office.

A candidate's name shall not be printed on the ballot if at least seventy (70) days before a general election, sixty-three (63) days before a primary election or regular local election or seven days after the filing day for declarations of candidacy for any other election: (1) the candidate files with the proper filing officer a signed and notarized statement of withdrawal as a candidate in that election; (2) a judicial determination is made that the candidate does not qualify to be a candidate for the office sought; (3) the voter registration of the candidate is updated by the candidate in such manner that the candidate does not qualify to be a candidate for the office sought; or (4) the voter registration of the candidate is canceled for any reason provided in Chapter 1, Article 4 NMSA 1978, § 1-10-6 (C)

Deadline to withdraw from the Local Election: September 5, 2023

Candidate Challenges

Pursuant to Section 1-22-10, any voter may challenge the candidacy of any person seeking election at the Regular Local Election for the reason that the person does not meet the requirements for the office sought by filing a petition in the district court within seven days after the day for filing a declaration of candidacy. The district court shall hear and render a decision on the matter within ten days after the filing of the petition. The decision of the district court may be appealed to the five days (5) after the decision is rendered. The Supreme Court shall hear and render a decision on the appeal forthwith.

Ballot Appearance

Regular Local Election ballots maintain a standard appearance according to the NMSA 1978, Section 1-10-8(C), with offices listed in the following order:

1. Municipal offices, with elective executive officers listed first, governing board members listed second, and judicial officers listed third;
2. Board of education of a school district;
3. Community college, branch community college, technical and vocational institute district, or learning center district, and
4. Special district listed in order by voting population of each special district, with the most populous listed first and the least populous listed last.

Pursuant to Section 1-22-3 (B), Regular Local Elections are nonpartisan. Candidate names will appear on the ballot with no party or slate designation.

NM Election Alphabet

The SOS held its randomization of the New Mexico Election Alphabet on December 22, 2022. The webinar can be found at www.sosnm.gov

There are a couple of things to keep in mind:

- 1) This alphabet does not apply to candidates selected by state convention pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-8-21.1. Their ballot order is selected by the party in descending order of votes received at the state convention.
- 2) The names of candidates for the same office will be ordered based upon the first letter in each candidate's last name according to the order of letters. When two or more candidates for the same office share the same first letter in each candidate's last name, the order of the candidate names is resolved by applying the New Mexico election alphabet to each subsequent letter in each candidate's last name until a discernment can be ascertained between candidate names.
- 3) As defined in rule, "Candidate name" means the name listed on the candidate's certificate of registration and disregarding any punctuation forming a part of a candidate's name. So that means if you have a hyphenated last name, your ballot position will be determined by the first name of your hyphenated last name. The names of candidates for the same office will be ordered based upon the first letter in each candidate's last name according to the order of letters in the 2023-2024 New Mexico Election Alphabet.



New Mexico Secretary of State

2023 - 2024 Election Cycle Alphabet Randomization

Start Randomization

Randomization Started At :2022-12-22 11:5:34

Selecting letter 26

Done

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
N	Y	U	I	Z	A	V	X	R	L
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
H	J	E	K	G	M	B	P	O	C
21	22	23	24	25	26				
S	F	T	Q	D	W				

Final List: N,Y,U,I,Z,A,V,X,R,L,H,J,E,K,G,M,B,P,O,C,S,F,T,Q,D,W

APPENDICES



2023 REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY – STATEMENT OF INTENT

I, _____, being first duly sworn, say that I am a voter of the county
(candidate's name on certificate of registration)

of _____, State of New Mexico. I reside at _____,
(candidate's county of registration) *(candidate's address as registered)*

and was registered to vote at that place on the date of the proclamation calling this election;

I reside within and am registered to vote in the area to be elected to represent;

I desire to become a candidate for the office of _____ at the
(office sought, including district or division #, if applicable)

regular local election to be held in November of the year this declaration is filed;

I will be eligible and legally qualified to hold this office at the beginning of its term; and

I make the foregoing affidavit under oath, knowing that any false statement herein constitutes a felony punishable under the criminal laws of New Mexico.

Signature of Declarant

Mailing Address

Residence Address

Email Address

Phone Number

State of: _____

County of: _____

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on the _____, 2023,

by _____.

Signature of notarial officer

Title



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

**2023 REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION
WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FOR DESIGNATION**

I desire to become a candidate for the office of _____ in the
Regular Local Election to be held on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023.**

I certify that I am not able to personally deliver my Declaration of Candidacy and all other
associated documents to my local county clerk’s office, as applicable, for filing purposes.

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 1-22-7(D), I designate the following individual to act solely on
my behalf for the purpose of filing my Declaration of Candidacy and any other associated
documents required:

Name of Designee (printed)

Address of Designee

Signed and authorized by:

Candidate Signature

Candidate Name (printed)

Mailing Address

Residence Address



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

2023 REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION
AFFIDAVIT OF WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY

I, _____, being first duly sworn upon my oath do hereby
(candidate's name on certificate of registration)
state for my affidavit that:

I withdraw as a candidate for the office of _____, in the
(office sought, including district or division #, if applicable)
Regular Local Election scheduled for November 7, 2023; and that I hereby permanently revoke my
Declaration of Candidacy filed with my proper filing officer on the ____ day of _____, 2023.

Signature of Candidate

State of: _____

County of: _____

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on the _____, 2023,
by _____.

Signature of notarial officer

Title

Received in the office of the _____ County Clerk at _____ A.M./P.M. on the _____
day of _____, 2023.

Signature of Proper Filing Officer

CHAPTER 2

ADMINISTRATION/OFFICERS

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ARTICLE 1. VILLAGE OFFICERS

SECTION 1.	Regular, Special, and Emergency Meetings
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§ 2.1.1 REGULAR, SPECIAL, AND EMERGENCY MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees shall convene in regular, special, and emergency meetings in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the Board's annual open meetings resolution required under that Act.

§ 2.1.2 RULES OF PROCEDURE

Roberts' Rules of Order will govern the proceedings of the Board of Trustees where applicable unless waived at any meeting by a concurrence of a majority of the total number of Trustees elected.

§ 2.1.3 QUORUM

The presence at a meeting of any three Trustees or the Mayor and two Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of the Mayor, and pursuant to § 3-12-3 NMSA 1978, a Trustee shall be elected by the Board to act as Mayor pro tempore. In the absence of the Clerk the Trustees shall designate one of their number or some other person to act temporarily as Clerk. The Clerk and the Treasurer shall have no vote but shall have a right to be present at all meetings except when, by a resolution to meet in executive or closed session, the Clerk or Treasurer, or both, are designated to be excluded.

§ 2.1.4 TREASURER

The Mayor shall appoint a Treasurer to serve a two-year term unless sooner removed by the Mayor. The Treasurer shall be either a Village employee or a Village resident.

(A) The Mayor shall submit the name of the Treasurer to the Board at the Board's next regular meeting following the Treasurer's appointment. The Treasurer must be confirmed by a majority of the Board of Trustees. The Treasurer's term shall begin on the day of the Village's organizational meeting following the Village's regular election.

(B) If the Board fails to confirm the Treasurer appointed by the Mayor, the Mayor at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees shall submit the name of another person to fill the office of Treasurer.

(C) The Treasurer shall perform the duties of Village Treasurer as prescribed by law, or as prescribed by ordinance or resolution of the Village. The Treasurer shall receive a salary of four hundred dollars (\$400.00)per month. The Treasurer shall receive reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses authorized to be incurred by the Board.

§ 2.1.5 SALARY OF MAYOR

(A) The Mayor shall be paid a salary of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per month, subject to all withholdings required by law.

(B) The amount of salary paid to the Mayor shall be neither raised nor lowered during any term of office of the Mayor.

§ 2.1.6 TRUSTEES TO BE COMPENSATED

(A) The Trustees shall receive compensation in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Trustees shall receive no other compensation for their services except reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the Village when expressly authorized by the Board.

(B) Changes in compensation shall be budgeted by the Village and shall be paid at the earliest date allowed under State Law.

§ 2.1.7 THE RETIREE HEALTH CARE ACT

(A) Thirty (30) days prior to public hearing on this Section, as required by Section 9.D(2) of the Retiree Health Care Act, the Retiree Health Care Authority was notified by certified mail of the public hearing on this Section.

(B) Pursuant to Section 9.D of Chapter 6, Laws of New Mexico 1990 the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque determines to be excluded from coverage under the Retiree Health Care Act.

Ordinance and State Law References regarding Chapter 2, Article 1(f/k/a Chapter 1, Section 1):

Ordinance #1, adopted February 4, 1959;

Ordinance #15, adopted March 25, 1964 but not signed;

Ordinance #41 amended the hour & place of meetings of the Board of Trustees (section 1), November 5, 1980;

Ordinance #55 provided for compensation for the Mayor (Section 7), January 11, 1984;

Ordinance #69 amended section 5 to provide for appointment, rather than election of the treasurer, November 18, 1987;

Ordinance #93, July 11, 1990;

Ordinance #134, Codification enacted February 14, 1996, codified ordinances 1, 41, 54, 55, 69 and 96 as chapter and modified the language. Provisions for regular meetings (§ 1 of ORD #41) and special meetings (§ 2 of ORD #1) were deleted;

Ordinance #137, adopted May 22, 1996;

Ordinance #177, adopted June 25, 2003;

Ordinance #188, adopted February 25, 2004, regulating campaign practices – Repealed by Ordinance 197;

Ordinance #197, adopted November 9, 2005, repealing Ordinance #188;
Ordinance # 199, adopted May 10, 2006, amending Ordinance # 197;
Resolution 93-1-1 rescinded Resolution 92-3-1;
Municipal Officers § 3-10-1, *et seq.*, NMSA 1978;
Mayor § 3-11-1 *et seq.*, NMSA 1978;
Governing Body § 3-12-1 *et seq.*, NMSA 1978 (1994 Cum. Supp.);
Clerk § 3-13-1 NMSA 1978;
Open Meetings Act §§ 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978.



GUIDELINES FOR POLITICAL SIGNS

Signs posted in public right-of-way are limited to only the right-of-way along Rio Grande Boulevard, El Pueblo Road, Ranchitos Road, Chavez Road, Osuna Road, and Fourth Street. Signs must not impair the clear sight triangle, not block or interfere with any directional or traffic safety signs or signals and must not impair the line of sight.

Signs must be removed no later than fifteen (15) days after the election, otherwise the Village may remove them and forward the cost associated with removal.

If someone from your campaign would like to post signs on private property, the Village has size restrictions for residential and commercial property.

- Signs on residential property may be up to 12 square feet.
- Signs on commercial property may be up to 40 square feet on two sides (each sign face may be up to 40 square feet for up to two sign faces).
- Banners are prohibited.

For the complete Political Campaign Signs section in the Village Code, visit www.losranchosnm.gov/ordinances, Chapter 9 Section 22 - Signs. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at mrubin@losranchosnm.gov or call (505) 344-6582.

§ 9.2.22 SIGNS

(A) DEFINITIONS.

(1) **SIGN** means any device used for visual communication or display to public view of letters, words, numerals, figures, statutes, devices, emblems, pictures or any parts or combinations thereof designated to inform or advertise or promote merchandise, services, activities, or politically related information except for the following:

(a) Signs required by law or signs of a duly-constituted governmental body.

(b) Signs placed by a public utility for the safety, welfare, or convenience of the public.

(c) Temporary Holiday Decorations.

(d) Any item of merchandise normally displayed within a show window of a business.

(e) Non-illuminated names of building, dates of erection, monument citations, commemorative tablets and the like when carved into stone, concrete, metal or any other permanent type construction and made an integral part of a permitted structure or made flush to the ground.

(f) Indoor signs not intended to be read from outside.

(2) **BILLBOARD** is a board, panel, or tablet used for the display of posters, painted or printed advertising matter, either illuminated or non-illuminated, that directs attention to goods, merchandise, entertainment, or services offered elsewhere other than the premises where the sign is located. A sign that directs attention to a business, commodity, services or entertainment conducted, sold or offered at a location other than the premises on which the sign is located.

(3) **BUILDING-MOUNTED SIGN** is a sign entirely supported by or through a building; this category shall include canopy, roof and wall signs.

(4) **CLEAR SIGHT TRIANGLE** is the area formed by a line measured from the corner of the property back twenty-five feet (25') along each right-of-way, and connected by a line drawn between them to form a triangle.

(5) **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** is the officer and other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this Section. A code enforcement official shall be a Village employee authorized by the Mayor.

(6) **DIRECTOR** is the Director of the Planning and Zoning Department of the Village of Los Ranchos.

(7) **FREE-STANDING SIGN** is a sign attached to or supported from the ground and not attached to a building; signs on walls or fences which are not an integral part of a building are FREE-STANDING SIGNS.

(8) **GRAPHIC SHAPE SIGNS** are signs which incorporate a logo.

(9) **HOME OCCUPATION SIGNS** are signs permitted to a business holding a valid home occupation permit (non-deminimis) granted by the Village of Los Ranchos.

(10) **MULTI-TENANT SIGN** is a single structure or composite sign containing information regarding multiple businesses on a single premise.

(11) **MURAL** is an artistic expression painted or similarly created on exterior wall surface which does not incorporate words or letters, and which does not advertise a business, product or service provided on or off the premises.

(12) **NEON TUBING** is electric discharge tubing manufactured in shapes that form letters, parts of letters, skeleton tubing, outline lighting, other decorative elements, or art forms, and filled with various inert gases.

(13) **NONCOMMERCIAL MESSAGES** are those messages not related to a commercial advertising sign. Whenever commercial speech would be permitted, noncommercial speech will be allowed.

(14) **OFF-PREMISE SIGN** is a sign whose content does not refer to a business or merchant doing business on the premises where the sign is displayed.

(15) **ON-PREMISE SIGN** is a sign whose contents relate to the premises on which it is located, referring exclusively to the name, location, products, persons, accommodations, services or activities of or on those premises, or the sale, lease or construction of those premises.

(16) **PAINTED WALL SIGN** is any sign which is applied with paint or similar substance on the surface of a wall, which incorporates graphic devices including letters or words, and which advertises a business, product or service. A painted wall sign is a building mounted sign and must meet all regulatory requirements of a building mounted sign.

(17) **PENNANT** is any plastic, fabric, or other material, whether or not containing a message of any kind, suspended from a rope, wire, or string, often in a series, and designed to move in the wind.

(18) **POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGN** is a sign, which indicates an individual, party or issue that will be placed on the federal, state or local election ballot in the subject calendar year.

(19) **PORTABLE SIGN** is any sign designed to be moved easily and not permanently affixed to the ground, or to a structure or building.

(20) **SANDWICH BOARD SIGN** is an A-frame sign which is not permanently affixed to a structure or to the ground, and which does not exceed twelve (12) square feet in area on each of the two sign faces.

(21) **SIGN FACE** is the area of a sign made available by the sign structure for the purpose of displaying the advertising message.

(22) **SIGNATURE SIGN** is a sign built in the shape of an object or graphic and used to convey a message.

(23) **SNIPE SIGN** is a temporary sign affixed to trees, fences, utility poles, street furniture or any other device or structure in the public right-of-way.

(24) **TEMPORARY SIGN** is any sign, banner, pennant, valance or advertising display intended for display for a limited period of time only and not permanently mounted.

(B) PROHIBITED SIGNS. The following signs are prohibited and shall be removed or brought into conformance with § 9.2.22, Signs:

(1) Signs which contribute to confusion of traffic control or resemble traffic control lighting; unauthorized signs, signals, markings or devices which purport to be or are imitations of official traffic control devices or railroad signs or signals; or signs which

obstruct the visibility of or interfere with the effectiveness of any official traffic control devices or any railroad signs or signals.

(2) Rotating, flashing or oscillating or still beacons of light and any lights that violate the Dark Skies provisions, § 9.2.20.

(3) Electronic message boards with moving messages.

(4) Portable metal frame signs, illuminated or non-illuminated, mounted on wheels or not, whether or not affixed by chains or otherwise made to appear to be permanent to a site.

(a) Portable signs existing at the time of May 19, 2008 are Grandfathered only as long as the sign remains on the original premises and is not relocated.

(b) Sandwich boards unless already permitted before May 19, 2008.

(5) Signs with Audible Devices.

(6) Signs on the public right-of-way; except for name and address signs on mailboxes.

(7) Any signs on the public right-of-way that impede pedestrian access.

(8) Off-premises signs.

(9) Signs in clear sight triangle at a roadway or driveway intersection.

(10) Abandoned signs, signs in disrepair and signs that advertise businesses or services that are no longer in operation or available.

(11) Billboards not already existing.

(12) Banner-type signs:

(a) Banners advertising alcoholic beverages;

(b) Real Estate banners;

(c) "Deal" banners (lower interest rates, special sales events);

(d) Any banner not meeting the criteria of § 9.2.22(I).

(13) Pendants on wires or ropes.

(14) Snipe signs for more than three (3) days, except those signs advertising lost pets.

(15) Advertisement signs for residential development other than one (1) sign for general contractor with parcel permit.

(C) BILLBOARDS.

(1) All existing billboards and portable signs will be removed from the Village by March 31, 2011.

(2) No new billboards will be permitted under this Section.

(D) GENERAL REGULATIONS.

(1) All permanent and temporary signs require a sign permit from the Village.

(2) A sign shall not be erected, re-erected, constructed or altered except as provided for in this Section and after a permit for same has been issued by the Village.

(3) Application for sign permit shall be made in writing upon forms furnished by the Village.

(a) Plans or other pertinent information necessary to construction of the sign, including location by elevation drawing, dimensions, graphic reproduction must be submitted with the sign application.

(4) A separate permit shall be required for a sign or signs for each registered business entity.

(5) A permit shall be required by each tenant with signage on a single free-standing multi-tenant sign for multi-tenant buildings or structures.

(6) A sign permit shall lapse if the business license for the premises lapses or is revoked, or is not renewed.

(a) A sign permit shall lapse if the business activity on the premises is discontinued for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days or more.

(7) New tenants in a premises with an existing free standing sign are required to obtain sign permits per (1) through (5).

(8) All permanent free-standing signs require a building permit from the Village and must meet all applicable State electrical, and mechanical codes and the Village of Los Ranchos Municipal building codes.

(a) A new sign permit is not required for the maintenance or repair of an existing conforming sign. Maintenance and repair includes re-facing and repainting of existing signs provided neither the size nor structure of the sign is changed.

(b) Modifications, excluding repairs, to nonconforming signs are prohibited unless the signs are brought into conformance in accordance with this Section.

(9) Sign permits for signs that meet the requirements of the general regulations and do not require variance or other special approvals may be approved by the designated Planning and Zoning Official.

(10) Signs containing noncommercial speech are permitted anywhere that advertising or business signs are permitted, subject to the same regulations applicable to such signs.

(E) COMMERCIAL SIGN SIZE AND SPECIFICATIONS.

(1) All individual commercial free-standing signs shall have a maximum of forty (40) square feet on each of a maximum of two (2) sides.

(a) For individual businesses with free-standing signs, a maximum of twenty (20) square feet is allowed for building mounted signage.

(2) Multi-tenant signs, identifying all businesses located on one (1) premise or in one (1) building or cluster of buildings are allowed a maximum of fifty (50) square feet of printed area. Maximum overall sign shall not exceed sixty five (65) square feet.

(a) The perimeter of measurable area includes all embellishments such as pole covers, framing, decorative roofing, support structures or decorative bases including planters. There shall be no written advertising copy on said area, except the name of the complex at the top.

(b) Each business, located within the complex, is allowed twenty (20) square feet of building mounted sign.

(3) Larger signs may be approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission for large buildings and large developments through a site development review and application approval process, if in scale with the size of the building, or distance from the roadway.

(a) For businesses facing directly on a major street and not in shopping centers or complexes, for every linear foot of distance that a building-mounted sign is set back from the nearest street right-of-way line, an increase of one (1) square foot of sign area may be permitted, provided, no sign shall be increased to exceed five percent (5%) of the total area on the side of the building where it is mounted.

(4) For Shopping Centers or complexes where § 9.2.22(E)(3)(a) does not apply due to pre-existing buildings and the nearest street right-of-way is in excess of fifty (50) feet, the designated zoning official may approve appropriately scaled signage after taking into consideration the distance from the street and other, existing signage within the complex.

(5) The maximum area allowed for signs shall include any signs painted on windows or other surfaces of the property.

(6) Co-op businesses at a single premise, such as those selling antiques, are considered as one (1) business regarding sign regulations.

(7) If a property is bordered by more than one (1) roadway, it may have one (1) building-mounted sign on each side facing a roadway, but only one free-standing sign.

(8) Measurement of signs:

(a) The area of each sign face on a sign shall be measured as a rectilinear line of not more than eight (8) sides, drawn around and enclosing the perimeter of each printed advertising or information area.

(b) The area shall then be summed and totaled to determine the total area.

(9) Only those sandwich board signs with existing approved permits at the time of May 19, 2008 shall be allowed and shall be displayed only during the hours of operation of the business.

(10) Signs upon a vehicle are permitted, provided that any such vehicle with a sign is not conspicuously parked by a roadway so that it constitutes advertising in and of itself; such vehicles may be used for bona fide delivery and other vehicular purposes.

(F) HEIGHT.

(1) Maximum height placement of an attached sign shall not exceed the maximum building height for the zone area, nor shall it exceed a maximum of five (5) feet above the parapet of the building.

(2) A free-standing sign shall not exceed twenty (20) feet in height from the elevation of the edge of roadway closest to the base of the sign.

(3) Free-standing signs shall be placed a minimum of six (6) feet away from any driveway or side street.

(a) Free standing sign posts shall not exceed 6x6 (or larger if structurally required) wood square or metal round of equivalent size.

(4) The bottom of a free-standing sign located closer than fifteen (15) feet to the road right-of-way shall be no less than eight (8) feet above ground level to maintain the clear site triangle.

(G) DESIGN.

(1) Signs shall reflect and be compatible with the architecture and scale of the building or structure of the business.

(2) Permanent signs which are designed for the use of changeable letters or message boards as part of the overall design are allowed.

(3) Signs which use a shape design to indicate the type of merchandise or service provided in commercial establishment are allowed and will be given considerations regarding size. Examples include the Chase Hardware Store hammer, Dan's Boots and Saddles black horse, and the Green Valley Meats pig.

(H) LIGHTING.

(1) Signs may be illuminated by ground or structure mounted fixtures that are shielded in such a manner that there is no illumination beyond the sign face.

(2) All signs must meet the Dark Skies provisions, § 9.2.20.

(3) There shall be no light fixture mounted in such a manner as to have the lens exposed to vehicular traffic or pedestrians.

(4) No portion of an illuminated sign shall exceed a luminance of two hundred (200) foot lamberts at night if such sign is located within fifty (50) feet of a residential zone.

(5) No sign nor part of a sign shall move, flash or rotate.

(6) No sign nor part of a sign shall change its illumination more than once an hour.

(7) Time and temperature signs may be permitted by the Village through the Site Plan Approval process.

(8) Such digital reader boards permitted by the Village may not contain any moving graphics, may not vary in intensity and may not change displayed information more than once every twenty (20) seconds.

(I) BANNERS.

(1) All banners must obtain a sign permit from the Village of Los Ranchos.

(2) Permissible banners:

(a) Apartment buildings with rental units are permitted one 20 square foot banner per building advertising for rent.

(b) Multi-unit commercial complexes are permitted one 20 square foot banner per building advertising for rent, to be removed immediately upon rental of unit.

(c) Grand opening (coming soon, etc.) banners, with permit, are permissible thirty (30) days prior to opening, but must then be replaced with permanent signage with permit.

(d) Seasonal banners are permitted for thirty (30) days duration during the month of the holiday or event. (Christmas, Chili Season, Balloon Fiesta, etc.) with permit.

(e) An application for specialty banners may be made to the Planning and Zoning Commission, which will consider approval in view of lot size, distance from street, height, number and dimensions of banners requested, purpose, neighborhood congestion, and over all aesthetics.

(J) OTHER SIGNS.

(1) Signs, twelve (12) square feet or less in area, advertising agricultural products on the premises where grown, or agricultural services on the premises where provided, and limited to one (1) sign per premise are permitted.

(2) A residential premise may have one temporary sign advertising a garage, yard or estate sale of six (6) square feet, on each of two (2) sides, for a maximum of three (3) days per sale, no more than once per month, with no permit required.

(3) Subdivision signs shall be approved at the time of subdivision approval and shall be part of the Site Development Plan for the subdivision.

(K) POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the free flow of ideas and candidates related to political campaigns for the education and benefit of the residents of the Village and the candidates. The Village finds a compelling public interest of informed participation in the democratic political process justifies diverse treatment of political campaign signs which may not be available for other signage. Implementing this purpose justifies the allowing of signs in the public rights-of-way of major streets that may not be allowed under other provisions of the Codified Ordinances. The Village further finds that it is not in the best interest of the residents of the Village for any signage to be allowed which interferes with a clear sight triangle at all intersections including intersections with private streets, or blocks any pedestrian or bicycle path, or blocks any directional or traffic safety signs or signals and that it is unsightly, detrimental to the aesthetics of the community and a nuisance for political campaign signs to be left for an extended period of time after the event for which they were posted has occurred. The following standards and provisions are hereby declared to be applicable to political campaign signs.

(1) All political campaign signs require a sign permit from the Village. Only one (1) permit will be required for each candidate, regardless of the number of signs placed. Permits will be issued at no cost. The application for the permit must include the contact information for the individual or organization responsible for the signs.

(2) Political campaign signs will be allowed on private residentially zoned property under the following conditions:

(a) All signage must observe the clear sight triangle for traffic safety and shall not block any traffic lane, pedestrian or bicycle path or lane, and shall not block or interfere with any directional or traffic safety signs or signals.

(b) All signs meet the standards and requirements for signs other than political campaign signs on residentially zoned property.

(c) The person or committee listed in the application for the sign shall be responsible for removal of the sign after the election. If the sign(s) is (are) not removed within fifteen (15) days after the election is held the Village may remove the sign(s) and the party listed in the application or the candidate will be responsible for the cost associated with removal.

(3) Political campaign signs will be allowed on the public rights-of-way only on Rio Grande Boulevard, El Pueblo Road, Ranchitos Road, Chavez Road, Osuna and Fourth Street. Signs permitted pursuant to this section shall at no time impair line of sight for vehicular traffic or be placed so as to impair travel on any traffic lane or block any pedestrian or bicycle lane and shall not block or interfere with any directional or traffic safety signs or signals. Signs in the public rights-of-way must be removed in accordance with the provisions

of paragraph (2) (c) above.

(4) Political campaign signs on commercially zoned property must comply with the size standards and other requirements for nonpolitical campaign signs in the location at which the sign will be placed.

(5) All political campaign signs must comply with all statutes and regulations adopted by the state of New Mexico.

(L) REAL ESTATE SIGNS.

(1) All realtors listing property for sale in the Village must obtain a Parcel Permit in accordance with § 9.3.3, Application for Permit to Sell, Construct and/or Remodel Real Estate in the Village Limits.

(2) A commercial lot or building may have one temporary sign of twelve (12) square feet on each of two sides indicating availability of such lot or building for sale or lease.

(3) A family dwelling, non-commercial lot or building, or a residential lot or building may have one (1) temporary sign of eight (8) square feet indicating availability for sale or lease on the property.

(a) One off-premise real estate sale sign may be placed on property not offered for sale, with the permission of the property owner, or in the public right-of-way, for any sale properties which have frontage only on dead end streets.

(b) Real estate “Open House” signs may be placed by real estate agents or homeowners at the intersections of public rights-of-way one hour before opening and may remain in place until one hour following the closing.

(M) CONSTRUCTION SIGNS.

(1) On premises under construction on commercially zoned property, one (1) single faced sign shall be permitted for the prime licensed building contractor. Parcel Permits are required per § 9.3.3, Application for Permit to Sell, Construct and/or Remodel Real Estate in the Village Limits.

(2) On premises under construction on commercially zoned property, one (1) single faced sign, in addition to prime contractor’s sign, may list sub-contractors, lending institutions, etc.

(a) Each sign’s area not to exceed twelve (12) square feet.

(b) Such sign shall be confined to the site of the construction, and shall be removed within fourteen (14) days after the beginning of the intended use of the project or the issuance of the certificate of occupancy, whichever is earlier.

(c) Such signs must be placed to abide by the building setback limits of the lot on which construction is taking place.

(3) Construction projects on residentially zoned property may display one (1) single faced sign with a maximum area of eight (8) square feet per legally defined parcel for primary contractor.

(N) EXEMPTIONS.

(1) Notwithstanding any part of this Section, all free-standing permitted signs as they existed on May 19, 2008 are exempt from restrictions contained herein until such signs change.

(a) Legal signs include those otherwise nonconforming signs that have been previously permitted by the Village.

(O) CONFORMANCE.

(1) Except as provided herein, the owner of any lot or premise on which exists a sign that does not conform with the requirements of this Section and for which there is no current and valid sign permit shall be obligated to remove such sign or, in the case of a nonconforming sign, to bring it into conformity with the requirements of this Section and obtain a valid sign permit.

(a) For any sign on property annexed, applications for sign permits shall be submitted within six (6) months of the effective date of the annexation or within such period as may be established in an annexation agreement between the Village and the landowners.

(b) Signs that are the subject of applications received after May 19, 2008 shall be subject to all of the terms and conditions of § 9.2.22(D).

(P) GENERAL PROVISION FOR UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE OF SIGNS.

(1) Any sign which has fallen into disrepair or is in a deteriorated state must be repaired, repainted, re-surfaced or otherwise brought out of its deteriorated and unsightly condition.

(2) The business and property owner will be notified in writing stating that the sign is deteriorated or in disrepair and given thirty (30) days in which to address the problem.

(3) Should the situation not be remedied within the thirty (30) day period, the Village designated official shall proceed with a Code Enforcement Case according to § 9.2.24 Implementation, Enforcement and Penalties.

(Q) VARIANCE. Variances from the terms of this Section may be considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(R) APPROVAL. Sign permits for signs that meet the requirements of the general regulations and do not require variance or other special approvals may be approved by the designated Planning and Zoning Official.

(S) FEES. Fees for applications and permitting of signs shall be as established by resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque.

(T) ENFORCEMENT.

(1) The provisions of this Section shall be enforced by such persons who are appointed by the Mayor as zoning enforcement officers. Such persons shall be employees of the Village and shall have the power to issue citations for the violation of this Section. Such citations shall be heard by the Village of Los Ranchos municipal court.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, convert or demolish, equip, use or maintain any sign or sign structure in this jurisdiction, or cause or permit the same to be done contrary to or in violation of the provisions of this Section.

(3) Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this Section shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50), nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for each offense.

(4) A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during on or which a violation occurs or continues after ten (10) days of notice of violation from the Village.

(5) Erection or placement of a sign without a sign permit from the Village will be charged double fee for the permit when applied for or one hundred dollars (\$100.00), whichever is less, if applied for within ten (10) days of notification by the Village. If no sign permit has been obtained within ten (10) days, then provisions 1-4 apply.

(6) The Planning and Zoning Director or his/her designee may revoke a sign permit if:

- (a)** an error was made by staff in issuing the sign permit;
- (b)** the information provided by the applicant was misleading or untrue; or
- (c)** the sign erected differs from or does not meet the specifications authorized by the sign permit.

(U) AUTHORITY. The Planning Director or designee is hereby given the authority to interpret and implement the zoning code for the Village.

(V) SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or part hereof is for reason declared unconstitutional or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions hereof shall not be affected since it is the expressed intent of the Board to pass each section, subsection, paragraph, clause, phrase and every part thereof separately and independently of every other part.

(W) EFFECTIVE DATE, REPEAL, AND PUBLICATION. This Section shall take effect and be in full force May 19, 2008.



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Candidate's Name: _____ Position running for: _____

Election Date: _____

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- (2) Political campaign signs shall be allowed on private property under the following conditions:
 - (a) All signage must observe the clear sight triangle for traffic safety and shall not block any traffic lane, pedestrian or bicycle path or lane, and shall not block or interfere with any directional or traffic safety signs or signals.
 - (b) All signs meet the standards and requirements for signs other than political campaign signs on residentially zoned property.
 - (c) The person or committee listed in the application for the sign shall be responsible for removal of the sign after the election. If the sign(s) is (are) not removed within fifteen (15) days after the election is held the Village may remove the sign(s) and the party listed in the application or the candidate will be responsible for the cost associated with removal.
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- (4) Political campaign signs on commercially zoned property must comply with the size standards and other requirements for nonpolitical campaign signs in the location at which the sign will be placed.
- (5) All political campaign signs must comply with all statues and regulations adopted by the state of New Mexico

I have read and will comply with the Village of Los Ranchos Codified Ordinance on political campaign signs.

Signature: _____