



**TOWN OF TAOS, NEW MEXICO
RESOLUTION 08-58**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF TAOS PROVIDING COUNCILMEMBERS A
MONTHLY STIPEND TO HELP DEFRAY COST OF
PERSONAL CELL PHONE**

Whereas, The Town of Taos recognizes a need to provide Councilmembers with a stipend to help defray the cost incurred when they conduct Town of Taos business using their personal cell phones; and

Whereas, Councilmembers will receive a bi-weekly allowance in their paycheck to offset a portion of the expense of a personal cell phone. This allowance will be subject to payroll taxes and will be included in the annual wage. The cell phone each Councilmember uses will be their personal property, billed to their home address and they will be responsible for the monthly bill; and

Whereas, Councilmembers will be allowed to make and receive personal calls on the cell phone they use in the course of their work duties. The allowance plan is not designed to cover the full cost of a cell phone but rather to fund a portion of the allowance plan granted; and

Whereas, occasionally, a Councilmember may incur excessive roaming charges while conducting Town of Taos business. The Town will reimburse past the monthly stipend amount, Councilmembers must present documentation on all excessive charge. Approval for this one-time additional compensation must be given by the Town Manager; and

Whereas, telephones and accessories for cellular service will be purchased by the Councilmember and will remain their personal; and

Whereas, the Town Manager will initiate a Cell Phone Stipend Authorization Form for each Councilmember. A copy of the service contract must be attached to the authorization form. A completed form is to be forwarded to the Finance Department for payroll processing and to the Human Resources department for filing; and

Whereas, the Town Manager will be notified should any interruption of service occur. The Town Manager also has the right to verify continued service; and

Whereas, The bi-weekly allowance will continue until such time as the Town Manager initiates an action to discontinue the allowance or the elected term of the official ends.

Whereas, the bi-weekly allowance amount for each Councilmember will be set by the Town Manager and will be reviewed annually. Effective July 30, 2008, the bi-weekly allowance will be \$25.00.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED THIS 30th DAY OF July, 2008 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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| Councilmember Darren M. Cordova | <u>yes</u> |
| Councilmember Rudy C. Abeyta | <u>yes</u> |
| Councilmember A. Eugene Sanchez | <u>yes</u> |
| Councilmember Amy Quintana | <u>yes</u> |

TOWN OF TAOS

Bobby F. Duran, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

Marcus Rael, Interim Town Attorney