



**TOWN OF TAOS  
RESOLUTION 09-14**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2030 CHALLENGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taos has passed Resolution No. 2007-04 endorsing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, global and national events make it imperative that local governments and the communities that they serve should take proactive, positive and immediate steps to reduce the impact (or, “carbon footprint”) on our environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Mexico and its cities, towns and communities wish to cooperate in leading the nation in policies, technologies and programs to minimize or eliminate carbon dioxide emissions and their adverse impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taos is committed to improving the health of its employees and its citizens, an increase in the economical production and use of renewable and nonpolluting energy sources, the conservation of water, a reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and empowering high performance building standards for all existing and new construction within the Town limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taos has trained staff, hired consultants, and formed a Steering Committee to create a High Performance Building Ordinance for all existing and new construction within the town limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction industry in Taos represents a significant portion of our economy and a significant portion of the building industry is represented by small business and an increase in high performance building practices will encourage and promote new and innovative small business throughout the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Goals of the 2030 Challenge are an immediate 50-percent reduction in fossil fuel energy consumption in new and renovated buildings, and elimination of fossil fuel energy use from new construction by the year 2030. That is, by the year 2030, cities and towns that manage to meet the 2030 challenge will not use oil, natural gas or coal in the heating, cooling, lighting or construction of new buildings; and.

**WHEREAS**, to meet the 2030 Challenge, the Town of Taos will require:

1. All newly constructed buildings should be designed to consume a maximum of one half of the fossil fuel usage for that building category as defined by the U.S. Department of Energy.
2. All renovated buildings should achieve the same 50-percent fossil fuel usage rate as new buildings.
3. All other municipal construction should employ high performance building practices to the greatest extent achievable and/or to meet the requirements of the Town of Taos High Performance Building Ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF TAOS** that the Governing Body hereby declares that it intends, as an overarching and achievable goal, to reduce the carbon footprint of the Town of Taos government on our environment according to the goals of the 2030 Challenge that buildings will not be net emitters of carbon dioxide by the year 2030.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Town of Taos hereby directs Town staff in cooperation with the Town’s consultants and Steering Committee to estimate or calculate the “carbon footprint” the Town currently has and after such calculation/estimation is made, to provide options, remedies, alternatives and solutions for how Town government can achieve its goal of meeting the 2030 Challenge.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.**

Councilmember 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**

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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**