



**TOWN OF TAOS
RESOLUTION NO. 09-27**

**APPROVING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW MEXICO
HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Taos is the home to many nationally and internationally-recognized historic resources; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Taos is also the home of two federally- and state-registered historic districts and; and

WHEREAS, these districts are know as the Taos Downtown Historic District and the La Loma Plaza Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the economy of the Town of Taos is largely based on tourism, and

WHEREAS, many tourists visit the Town of Taos every year because of the cultural heritage as well as the numerous museums, art galleries and historic resources located within the historic districts; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Taos Land Use Development Code includes a zoning classification of the Historic Overlay Zone to preserve and protect the historic integrity of the built environment within the Historic Overlay Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Taos Town Council has determined that architectural design standards within the Historic Overlay Zone limit the creativity of designers and the ability of property owners to make improvements to historic property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Taos wishes to develop alternative architectural design standards for new construction in the Historic Overlay Zone while preserving the historic integrity of the built environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Taos also wishes to revise the design review processes for new construction for a Certificate of Appropriateness within the Historic Overlay Zone; and

WHEREAS, many property owners within the Historic Overlay Zone are not aware of the financial incentives available for improvements to historic buildings; and

WHEREAS, many property owners would take advantage of the tax benefits, loans, and grants if they were provided the information during a public workshop; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Taos wishes to apply for the Certified Local Government grant with the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division to complete revisions to the Land Use Development Code and to conduct two public workshops; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Long Range Planner is authorized to prepare the grant application and submit it to the Historic Preservation Division.

Passed by the TOWN OF TAOS COUNCIL this 9th day of June 2009 at a Regular Meeting of the Town Council that was duly published.

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:

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Allen Ferguson, Jr., Town Attorney