



**TOWN OF TAOS
RESOLUTION 09-43**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAOS TO REMOVE LOT 8 IN THE CHAMISA VERDE SUBDIVISION FROM THE TOWN'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM SO THAT THE TOWN-OWNED HOME LOCATED ON THAT LOT MAY BE RENTED TO A TOWN POLICE OFFICER IN PARTIAL EXCHANGE FOR THE OFFICER'S SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

WHEREAS, ensuring the security, peace and safety of the various neighborhoods that comprise the Town of Taos, is a core function of Town government; and,

WHEREAS, ensuring the welfare of Town residents is another core function of Town government; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Taos maintains a Police Department whose primary function is maintaining security, peace and safety within the Town; and,

WHEREAS, the Town has initiated an Affordable Housing Program with a primary purpose of providing for and augmenting the welfare of Town residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Chamisa Verde Subdivision, located off of Paseo del Canon (State Highway 585), near the Town's Youth and Family Center, has been designated by the Governing Body of the Town in Ordinance No. 05-04 as being part of and incorporated into the Town's Affordable Housing Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Taos holds title in fee simple to a certain lot within the Chamisa Verde Subdivision, designated as Lot 8 and with the street address 501 North Sunset Street, Taos, New Mexico, as well as fee simple title to the improvements, including a 3-bedroom house located on that lot;

WHEREAS, the Town's Governing Body wishes to make better provision than now exists for the safety and security of the Chamisa Verde Subdivision and its residents, as well as the Youth and Family Center; and;

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to augment the safety and security of such persons and places by having the ability to rent or lease the Town-owned house located on Chamisa Verde Subdivision

Lot 8 to a member of the Town's Police Force, with the rent being paid in part by such police officer's patrolling and other security functions; and,

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to make the augmentation of safety and security in the area of the Chamisa Verde Subdivision and the Youth and Family Center feasible without the barrier of requiring a police officer to whom the Town wishes to rent the house located on Chamisa Verde Lot 8 qualify under the income and other requirements established by the Town's Affordable Housing Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Taos:

1. Lot 8 in the Chamsia Verde Subdivision is hereby removed from the Town's Affordable Housing Program and is not subject to the requirements of that Program with respect to a potential resident's income or other qualifications.

2. The Town Manager is authorized, in his sound discretion, to rent or lease the house on Lot 8 of the Chamisa Verde Subdivision to a member of the Town's Police Force, with adequate provision in the lease or rental agreement for a portion of the rent to be paid in the form of safety and security services to be performed by the officer who rents the house.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED, this 11th day of August, 2009, at the regular meeting of the Town Council.

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>

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Darren M. Cordova, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

Allen Ferguson, Jr., Town Attorney