



**AGENDA**  
**July 27, 2010**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Town Council Chambers - 120 Civic Plaza Drive**  
**1:30 PM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE MAYOR DARREN M. CORDOVA
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. CITIZENS FORUM
6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Matthew Spriggs, Community Economic Development Director  
(with Rudy Perea, Senior Planner)

Consideration and approval of Town of Taos Ordinance 10-16. This ordinance amends the Town of Taos Land Use Development Title of the Taos Municipal Code with respect to the powers, duties, and appointment of the Town Hearing Officer.

7. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL/YOUTH COUNCILMEMBER
8. ADJOURNMENT

**APPROVED:**

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**Darren M. Cordova, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Renee Lucero, Town Clerk**

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**Summary:**

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**Background:**

**Attachments:**

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**APPROVALS:**

Date/Time:	Approval:	Department:
7/6/2010 8:30 AM	Approved	Town Manager
7/6/2010 8:30 AM	Approved	Town Clerk



## **TOWN OF TAOS ORDINANCE NO. 10-16**

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 16.20.030 OF THE TAOS TOWN LAND USE DEVELOPMENT CODE**

**This ordinance amends the Taos Town Land Use Development Code with respect to the  
Hearing Officer.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Zoning Division Staff of the Town of Taos Community and Economic Development Department at the direction of the Town Council of the Town of Taos is proposing to amend section 16.12.030.1 of the Town of Taos Land Use Development Code which will allow for a Hearing Officer appointed by the Town of Taos to hear the following types of cases:

- 1) Variance requests,
- 2) Conditional Use Permit requests
- 3) Special Use Permits, and
- 4) Any other Zoning Applications that the Code Administrator determines needs a review by the Hearing Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Zoning Commission at its regularly scheduled July 7th, 2010 meeting has approved Staff's recommended changes with minor modifications to the Taos Town Code;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Governing Body of the Town of Taos, meeting in Regular Session, this July 13th, 2010, and after having held a public hearing on the matter, and after having reviewed the recommendation made by the Planning and Zoning Commission that this ordinance is hereby adopted, approved and ratified:

Taos Town Code Section 16.12.030.1 shall be amended as follows:

**16.12.030.1: APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A. Upon the request of the Commission or Zoning Authority, the Mayor, the Town Manager or the Code Administrator shall appoint or designate one or more Hearing Officers who may be Town employees or independent contractors.

B. The Code Administrator may appoint or designate a Hearing Officer to hear the following types of requests:

1. Variance requests,
2. Conditional Use Permit requests
3. Special Use Permits, and
4. Any other Zoning Applications that the Code Administrator determines needs a review by the Hearing Officer.

C. All Hearing Officers shall have at least two (2) years experience as a planner or as a lawyer with planning and zoning experience, or as a land use professional and shall be approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission in conduct of administrative hearings, arbitrations or mediations.

This ordinance shall become effective as provided by law.

**ORDAINED, ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND RATIFIED** this 13th day of July, 2010 by the following vote:

Councilman Rudy Abeyta \_\_\_\_\_

Councilwoman Amy Quintana \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Eugene Sanchez \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Michael Silva \_\_\_\_\_

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DARREN CORDOVA  
MAYOR  
ATTEST:

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RENEE LUCERO  
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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ALLEN FERGUSON  
TOWN ATTORNEY