

**Traditional Neighborhood Development District**

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Taos Community,

I am thrilled to announce that the Town Council approved the Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) District Ordinance 09-01. This ordinance adds the TND District to the Land Use Development Code as a new zoning classification and enables the rezoning of lands within the Town of Taos to the transect zones of the TND District (formerly the "Taos SmartCode"). Ordinance 09-01 also creates the Consolidated Review Committee (CRC) that will be responsible for reviewing all development applications within the TND District.

The Community & Economic Development Department is in the process of updating the Vision 2020 Master Plan. The update will focus on the Land Use chapter of Vision 2020. One important condition that was placed on the TND District ordinance is that no other lands other than the within the Chamisa Verde Neighborhood Plan can be rezoned the TND District until the Town of Taos adopts the update to Vision 2020. There will be extensive public involvement throughout the process as we utilize the extensive work that has already been completed. Specifically, we will utilize the maps and recommendations from the EPA study of the Paseo del Pueblo Sur corridor, the charrette report prepared by PlaceMakers (who consulted with the Town on the Taos SmartCode), the Green Infrastructure Plan, the annexation study, and other studies and maps that address land use, infrastructure development, open space conservation, recreation, housing, etc.

The Town Council also approved Ordinance 09-02 that changes the zoning classification within the Chamisa Verde Neighborhood Plan to the transect zones of the TND District. There are a few conditions in the ordinance that need to be met before these lands are under the TND District zoning requirements. One condition is that all of the requirements for the Traditional Neighborhood Plan must be completed. This process should take no more than two months.

The Town Council also approved a contract with the firm of Duany, Plater-Zyberk who are the original authors of the model SmartCode. The purpose of the contract is to create a manual that outlines the engineering and construction standards for infrastructure and utilities within the TND District. This will be the first of its kind and will lead to an improved development process for the Chamisa Verde neighborhood and other neighborhoods that may be zoned to the transect zones of the TND District.

Thanks to everyone for the support during this challenging and fruitful process. Namely, I would like to thank Jim Thompson and Jim Pollard of the Planning & Zoning Commission, Maija West of the Land Use Development Code Revisions Committee, and Matthew Spriggs and Allen Ferguson of the Town of Taos for their commitment to making Taos a better place to live and work.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like a copy of the ordinances and other documents related to this project.

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