



VALENCIA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ORDINANCE № 2023-03

REPEALING RECREATIONAL VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS IN
RECOGNITION OF NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS, the Valencia County Board of Commissioners met upon notice of a Business Meeting, duly published, at the Valencia County Administration Building, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031 on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 5:00 PM as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 3-18-1 (1972) provides that municipalities, and also counties pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 4-37-1 (1995), have the power to “protect generally the property of its municipality and its inhabitants” and to “preserve peace and order”; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 4-37-1 *et seq.* (1975) provides that counties may adopt ordinances, not inconsistent with statutory or constitutional limitations placed on counties, to discharge those powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the county and its inhabitants; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioner adopted the Valencia County Interim Comprehensive Zoning Chapter, codified as Section 154.001 *et seq.* in the County Code of Ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 3-21-1 to 3-21-26 *et seq.* and applies to the unincorporated lands within the County of Valencia’s jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, the pursuant to Section 154-003 the general purpose of the Valencia County Interim Comprehensive Zoning Chapter is “[] to minimize traffic congestion on all streets, roads and public ways within the county's jurisdiction; to secure safety from fire, flooding and other dangers; to promote the public health, safety and general welfare; to safeguard adequate light, and air quality; to prevent the overcrowding of land; to avert the undue concentrations of populations; to facilitate the adequate provisions for transportation systems, water quality, sewerage, schools, parks and other public facilities; to conserve the value of buildings and lands; to advance the goals, policies and objectives of the comprehensive plan; and to encourage the most appropriate use of lands throughout the unincorporated areas of Valencia County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioner has determined that the Valencia County Comprehensive Zoning Chapter should be amended to remove obstacles to access to affordable housing; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that certain restrictions in its Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance impede access to affordable housing for some of the most vulnerable in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Valencia County Board of Commissioners that the following provisions of the County's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance are hereby repealed to provide greater access to affordable housing for Valencia County residents:

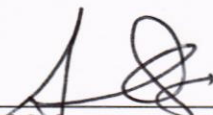
Section 154.173(B)(19) prohibiting the use of a recreational vehicle in any lawfully created mobile home park is hereby expressly repealed.

Section 154.171 (A)(5) prohibiting a recreational vehicle from remaining in an RV park for a period of more than four (4) months is hereby expressly repealed.

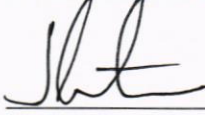
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Valencia County Board of Commissioners that, with the exception of the limited repeal outlined above, the provisions of the County's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND ORDAINED on this 4th day of October 2023.

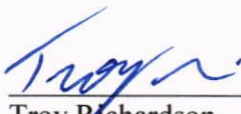
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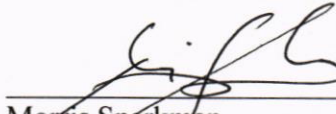
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Chairman, District I



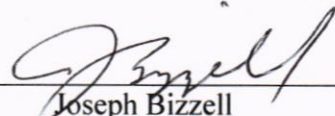
Jhonathan Aragon
Vice-Chair, District V



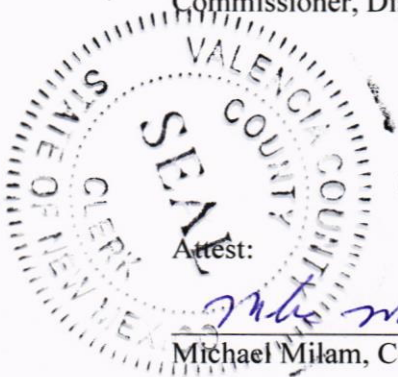
Troy Richardson
Commissioner, District II



Morris Sparkman
Commissioner, District III



Joseph Bizzell
Commissioner, District IV



Attest:


Michael Milam, County Clerk