

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION № 2015- 20

CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE RIO GRANDE ESTATES, LOS CHAVEZ AND TOMÉ/ADELINO FIRE COUNTY DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the Valencia County Administration Building 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 4-38-1 (1884) the powers of a county as a body politic and corporate shall be exercised by a board of county commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Sections 4-37-1 *et seq*. provides that counties may adopt those resolutions and 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, NMSA, 1978, Section 59A-53-5 (2012) provides that "[t]he county commissioners of any county may establish one or more fire districts;" and,

WHEREAS, New Mexico Attorney General Opinion 80-35 states that "[a]n independent fire district cannot own property in its own right. The ownership and control of all funds an property credited to independent fire districts vests in the County;" and

WHEREAS, the City of Rio Communities incorporation, with the boundaries of Valencia County, was officially recognized by the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County on January 18, 2013 after an election wherein the residents of the area approved incorporation pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-2-1 et seq; and,

WHEREAS, the Valencia County Rio Grande Estates Fire District almost completely encompasses the municipal boundaries of the City of Rio Communities; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 59A-53-5(C), provides that "[t]he county commissioners of any county may permit a county fire district to service an area adjacent and contiguous to the district but within another county or municipality; provided that the county commissioners of the other county or the municipality consent by resolution or law duly adopted or enacted to the service and to the boundaries of the other area serviced. Before commencement of service, a plat

showing the geographic limits and boundaries of the county fire district and of the additional area to be serviced shall be filed with and approved by the marshal. Any county may apply for fire protection fund eligibility for any fire station located within the additional area to be serviced;" and,

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2014 the County and Rio Communities executed an agreement for the County's continued operation of the Rio Grande Estates Fire District until such time as the fire department is transferred to the City; and,

WHEREAS, the parties agree that the Rio Grande Estates Los Chavez and Tomé/Adelino fire district boundaries should be changed to improve service to the constituents and more accurately reflect the incorporation of the City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the fire district boundaries of the Rio Grande Estates fire district, Los Chavez fire district and the Tomé/Adelino fire district are hereby modified as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated into this resolution by reference.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 4th day of March, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Attest:

Peggy Carabajal, County Clerk



