

1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 BILL NO. 2018-18

3 INTRODUCED BY:

4 Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth

5 Councilor Peter Ives

6 Councilor Renee Villarreal

7 Councilor Chris Rivera

8 AN ORDINANCE

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11 RELATING TO THE SANTA FE ELECTION CODE, CHAPTER 9 SFCC 1987; AMENDING  
12 SUBSECTION 9-1.2 TO OPT-IN TO THE LOCAL ELECTION ACT AND TO SET THE  
13 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY AS THE FIRST TUESDAY IN NOVEMBER IN  
14 ODD-NUMBERED YEARS; ESTABLISHING A NEW SUBSECTION 9-1.18 TO CREATE A  
15 TEMPORARY TRANSITION PERIOD DURING WHICH THE TERMS OF THE CITY  
16 COUNCILORS ELECTED IN 2016 AND THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE WILL END ON  
17 DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILORS  
18 ELECTED IN 2018 WILL END DECEMBER 31, 2021; AND ESTABLISHING A NEW  
19 SUBSECTION 9-1.19 TO CREATE EFFECTIVE DATE CONTINGENT UPON THE  
20 VOTERS' APPROVAL OF SANTA FE MUNICIPAL CHARTER AMENDMENTS AT THE  
21 NOVEMBER 2018 GENERAL ELECTION.

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23 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE:

24 Section 1. Subsection 9-1.2 SFCC 1987 (being Ord. No. 2011-28, Section 1) is  
25 amended to read:

1           **9-1.2 Local Election Act opt-in; Conduct of elections.**

2           The city of Santa Fe opts-in to the Local Election Act. Municipal elections in the city shall be  
3 conducted in accordance with the Santa Fe Election Code, the Santa Fe Municipal Charter and the  
4 New Mexico Local Election Act [~~Municipal Election Code, being Sections 3-8-1 through 3-9-16~~  
5 ~~NMSA 1978. Unless inconsistent with the Santa Fe Municipal Charter or city ordinances, the New~~  
6 ~~Mexico Municipal Election Code shall govern all municipal elections]. The date of the regular  
7 municipal election shall be the first Tuesday in November of odd-numbered years.~~

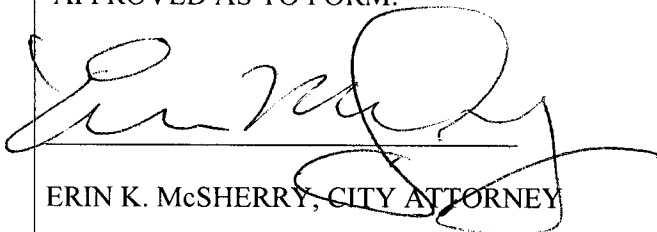
8           **Section 2.       A new Subsection 9-1.18 SFCC 1987 is ordained to read:**

9           **9-1.18 [NEW MATERIAL]   Transition.** The terms of the city councilors and municipal  
10 judge whose terms were set to expire six days after the March 2020 regular municipal election shall  
11 expire on December 31, 2019. The terms of the mayor and city councilors whose terms were set to expire  
12 six days after the March 2022 regular municipal election shall expire on December 31, 2021.

13           **Section 3.       A new Subsection 9-1.19 SFCC 1987 is ordained to read:**

14           **9-1.19 [NEW MATERIAL]   Effective Date and Filing Date.** The amended provisions  
15 regarding the New Mexico Local Election Act in Sections 9-1.2 and 9-1.18 SFCC 1987 shall be  
16 effective provided that a simple majority of the qualified electors of the city of Santa Fe vote in favor  
17 of the 2018 Santa Fe Municipal Charter amendment question and the proper canvassing board certifies  
18 the results. If the 2018 Santa Fe Municipal Charter amendment question is approved by voters, the city  
19 clerk shall file a copy of this ordinance with the New Mexico Secretary of State no later than January  
20 30, 2019.

21           APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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24           ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

25           *M/Legislation/Ordinances 2018/Local Election Opt-In*