

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS CODE ORDINANCE NO. 02-265

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, SECTION 2-112,
MAKING THE LOS ALAMOS COUNTY CLERK A FULL-TIME
POSITION AND ADJUSTING THE COMPENSATION ACCORDING TO STATUTE**

WHEREAS, the elected positions of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos have been considered to require only part-time office holders; and

WHEREAS, the laws governing elections in New Mexico have become increasingly complex; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Committee instituted in 2010 recommended that Council consider whether the County Clerk's position should be made full-time; and

WHEREAS, Council has reviewed the responsibilities and the workload of the County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Legislature saw fit to give H Class counties the ability to increase the compensation of elected officials when it passed House Bill 18 during the regular 2016 Session; and

WHEREAS, in evaluating the proper placement of the compensation for H Class county elected officials, the Legislature saw fit to equate H Class counties with the group of Class B counties with the highest valuations (Chaves, Cibola, Colfax, Curry, Eddy, Grant, Lea, Lincoln, Luna, McKinley, Otero, Rio Arriba, Roosevelt, San Miguel, Taos, Torrance and Valencia); and

WHEREAS, the Incorporated County of Los Alamos combines the functions of both a county and a municipality and the County Clerk's office in Los Alamos County is responsible for performing functions assigned to each of those offices; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that the responsibilities and duties currently assigned to the County Clerk should be compensated on a full-time basis in order that the Clerk may be properly accountable for discharging the duties of the office.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS as follows:

Section 1. Section 2-112 of the Code of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-112. County clerk.

Upon a clerk taking office on January 1, 2017, the clerk shall be a full-time position. The clerk shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of \$65,855 per annum and shall be afforded all the benefits available to regular employees. The clerk shall also be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties as approved by the council.


Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after notice is published following its adoption.

Section 3. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

ADOPTED this 26th day of July, 2016.

**COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED
COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS**



**Rick Reiss
Council Chair**

ATTEST: (SEAL)



**Sharon Stover
Los Alamos County Clerk**

