

PUEBLO OF LAGUNA COUNCIL

Resolution No. 08-24

Re: Enacting "Business Licensing Code" - Chapter 1 of Title XIII – Business, Pueblo of Laguna Code, Section 13-1-1 sequentially through Section 13-1-13; Repealing and replacing Section 13-1-1 and Section 13-1-3 of Pueblo of Laguna Code; Designating the Office of Business Licensing (OBL); Establishing effective date of July 1, 2024.

At a duly called meeting of the Pueblo of Laguna Council held on the <u>9th</u> day of <u>February</u>, 2024, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Laguna ("Pueblo") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with all inherent sovereign governing powers; and

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Laguna Council ("Council") is the governing body of the Pueblo, with the authority to establish and enforce ordinances governing the conduct and civil relations of residents of the Pueblo and providing for the administration of justice within Pueblo lands under Article IV, Section 2(d), of the Laguna Constitution (2012); and

WHEREAS, the Council has authority to provide for the regulation of businesses operating within the Pueblo under Article IV, Section 2(i), of the Laguna Constitution (2012); and

WHEREAS, the Council accepted the final report of Baker Tilly's Assessment of Institutional and Organizational Climate for Economic Development by Resolution No. 46-18 on August 3, 2018, that recommended, among other actions, the Pueblo simplify regulations governing the licensing of businesses operating within the Pueblo; and

WHEREAS, the attached "Business Licensing Code" (Code) implements the Baker Tilly recommendation, complies with Laguna Constitution (2012), and has been vetted and approved for adoption by the Legislative Policy Committee, in collaboration with staff of Laguna Economic Advancement, LLC, the Tax Administration Division, and Government Affairs Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Council approves and **enacts** the "Business Licensing Code" (attached) as new law to be codified as Pueblo of Laguna Code Section 13-1-1 sequentially through Section 13-1-13, which supersedes and replaces Pueblo of Laguna Code Sections 13-1-1 and 13-1-3, effective July 1, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council hereby **repeals** the existing Pueblo of Laguna Code Section 13-1-1 – Business License, and Section 13-1-3 – Vendor Permit, effective

July 1, 2024, and replaces said sections with the Business Licensing Code enacted by this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any business license previously approved under existing POL Code Section 13-1-1 and any Vendor Permit previously approved under existing Section 13-1-3 shall expire on July 1, 2024, and affected businesses and business activity shall thereafter be governed by and administered under the new Chapter 1 of Title XIII – Business Licensing Code enacted by this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council designates the Tax Administration Division (office and staff) to also function as the "Office of Business Licensing" as established by the "Business Licensing Code" enacted by this Resolution, and directs said Office of Business Licensing (OBL) to immediately take necessary steps to implement the Business Licensing Code and to fully assume OBL responsibilities upon the effective date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council authorizes and directs the Governor (or his designee) to execute this resolution enacting the Business Licensing Code, authorizes and directs the Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chief of Operations to prepare for full implementation of the Business Licensing Code, to cause such law to be codified and published in the Pueblo of Laguna Code, to implement and enforce said law when effective, and to take other necessary actions to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Governor

Council Member

Council Member

CERTIFICATION

	The foregoing resolu	tion was enacted upor	n by the	Pueblo	of Lag	guna Counci	il on the
9th	day of February	_, 2024, by a vote of	18	for and	2	_ opposed,	at a duly
called	meeting at which a qu	orum of the Council	was pre	sent.			

Governor