

RESOLUTION 2008-4

CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MORATORIUM ON THE GRANTING OF EXEMPTIONS FROM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBDIVIDING LAND IN TORRANCE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Torrance County has the authority and the responsibility to review and approve land subdivisions within the unincorporated lands of the County; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Torrance County Subdivision Regulations allow special procedures for granting exemptions from the requirements of the subdivision approval process; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to reconsider the procedures for granting exemptions from the subdivision requirements due to potential misuse of subdivision exemptions and a lack of consistency with County zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Torrance County Planning and Zoning Commission has begun an extensive review of the administrative process for obtaining an exemption from the County subdivision requirements and ensuring consistency with the County zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, it will be essential to allow adequate time to review and revise the regulations and procedures for granting exemptions from the subdivision requirements; and

WHEREAS, a moratorium on all land divisions created under a Claim of Exemption is a necessary measure to protect the County from land subdivisions that may be detrimental to the future development of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Torrance County, New Mexico:

- A. A moratorium on all applications for a Claim of Exemption from the requirements of the Torrance County Subdivision Regulations is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of Torrance County.
- B. There shall be no approval of Claims of Exemption from subdivision requirements by Torrance County for a period of one-hundred and twenty (120)

calendar days following the date of adoption of this resolution. Applications for a Claim of Exemption from subdivision requirements which have been received prior to the date of adoption of this resolution shall not be subject to this resolution.

- C. The Torrance County Planning and Zoning Commission will review the Torrance County Subdivision Regulations, the Torrance County Claim of Exemption Application Form, and the Torrance County Zoning Ordinance, and revise as appropriate.
- D. This resolution may be extended for a period of sixty (60) calendar days by action of the Board of County Commissioners of Torrance County if necessary to complete all revisions recommended by the Torrance County Planning and Zoning Commission.

PASSED, APPROVED AND SIGNED this day of day of and low, 2008, by the Board of County Commissioners of Torrance County, New Mexico.

TORRANCE COUNTY COMMISSION

Jim Frost, District

Paul M. "Tito" Chavez, District 20

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Attest:

Linda Kayser, County Clerk