ORDINANCE 2017-001

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE USE OF OFF-HIGHYWAY & ALL TERRIAN VEHICLES AND ALLOWING SUCH VEHICLES TO DRIVE ON VILLAGE STREETS

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of New Mexico enacted Section 66-1-4.19, NMSA 1978, as amended (being Laws 1990, Chapter 120, Section 20, as amended) Relating to Off-Highway Motor Vehicles; Amending Sections of the Motor Vehicle Act and Providing for a Special Paved Road Use Vehicle Plate for Off-Highway Motor Vehicles; and Amending the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle act to Specify Age-Appropriate Operating Licenses, Permits and Safety Gear for Paved Road Use ("Act"); and

WHEREAS, The Village of Pecos (the "Village") recognizes the importance of the use of off-highway and all-terrain vehicles for recreational, historical and resource values, while ensuring public safety; and

WHEREAS, The use of off-highway vehicles and all-terrain vehicles provide significant utility value for local ranchers, farmers and those engaged in the agricultural and natural resources extraction industries; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides for a local authority to establish separate speed limits and operating restrictions for off-highway vehicles where they are authorized to operate on paved streets or highways.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDIANED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VILLAGE OF PECOS, NEW MEXICO, that:

- Off-Highway Vehicles as defined in the Act as well as all-terrain vehicles are authorized to be operated on all paved and unpaved roads, streets or highways owned and controlled by the Village of Pecos, New Mexico.
- 2. The Village hereby adopts by reference the Act and any future amendments thereto, except that use of all-terrain vehicles shall also be allowed within the village limits.
- 3. The Village further adopts by reference any New Mexico Administrative Code `provisions relating to the Act and any future amendments thereto.

- 4. Compliance with all provisions Act shall be adhered to during the operation of said off-highway vehicles and all-terrain vehicles on roads and streets within the Village.
- 5. Operators of said off-highway vehicles and all-terrain vehicles shall observe speed limits posted within the Village.
- 6. Speed limits for off-highway vehicles and all-terrain vehicles shall be set by Resolution of the Village of Pecos.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of August, 2017.

ATTEST:

Ramona Quintana, Village Clerk

Arthur Varela, Village Treasurer

Tony J. Roybal, Mayor

Joe M. Benavidez, Mayor Pro-ten

Florencio Varela, Trustee

Herman Gallegos, Trustee

Ralph Lopez, Trustee