

**CODE  
OF THE  
CITY OF AZTEC**

**SAN JUAN COUNTY  
NEW MEXICO**

06 MARCH 2007

**OFFICIALS**  
**of the**  
**CITY OF AZTEC**  
**NEW MEXICO**

At the Time  
of this Codification

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**City Clerk**  
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## PREFACE

The City of Aztec has, through its history, passed through a process of legislative changes common to many American communities. While only a few simple laws were necessary at the time of the establishment of the City, subsequent growth of the community, together with the complexity of modern life, has created the need for new and more detailed legislation for the proper function and government of the City. The recording of local law is an aspect of municipal history, and as the community develops and changes, review and revision of old laws and consideration of new laws, in the light of current trends, must keep pace.

The orderly collection of these records is an important step in this ever-continuing process. Legislation must be more than mere chronological enactments reposing in the pages of old records. It must be available and logically arranged for convenient use and must be kept up-to-date.

### Content

The various chapters of the Code contain all currently effective legislation of a general and permanent nature enacted by the City Commission of the City of Aztec, including revisions or amendments to existing legislation deemed necessary by the City Commission in the course of the codification.

Source materials used in the preparation of the Code was the original 1979 Code, as supplemented, and subsequent ordinances adopted by the City Commission.

### Numbering System

The numbering system used in this Code is the same system used in many state and local government codes. The hierarchy of the numbering system is:

- Chapter  
Chapters are numbered sequential from 1 to *n*. If legislation is passed that does not fit within the current chapters, new Chapters will be created to contain such legislation.
- Article  
Articles are numbered using Roman numerals and are sequential within the Chapter.
- Division  
Divisions are numbered numerically and sequential within each Article.
- Section  
Section numbers are numbered sequentially 1 to *n* within a Chapter, regardless of the subdivisions of Articles or Divisions. Each section number consists of two parts separated by a dash. The first part before the dash refers to the chapter number and the number after the dash refers to the position of the section within the chapter. Thus, the second section of Chapter 1 is numbered 1-2 and the first section of Chapter 4 is 4-1.

### Updates

Legislation through ordinances which are approved will be incorporated into the Code as either new sections or amendments to existing sections. A history note appears at the end of each

section in parenthesis and will retain a history of all ordinances and their date of effect. Every attempt has been made to provide reserved sections for future expansion of Code.

Upon such amendments and/or additions to the Code, those chapters which have been affected will be re-published and distributed in their entirety. Each page within a chapter has a date which will identify the proper version which should be incorporated into holders of such Code books.

### **Ordinance Index**

This is a comprehensive list of all ordinances that are passed to add, amend, modify or supplement the Code. Specific dates and sections are provided for reference. In the initial adoption of this Code, several ordinances are listed in this index. These ordinances are considered part of the Code, though not specifically within a Chapter.

**CITY OF AZTEC  
ORDINANCE 2007- 343**

**An Ordinance Adopting and Enacting a New Code Book for the  
City of Aztec, New Mexico**

Be it Ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Aztec:

**Section 1.**

The Code entitled "The Code of the City of Aztec, New Mexico," published by the City of Aztec, consisting of Chapters 1 through 29, each inclusive, is adopted.

**Section 2.**

All ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted on or before March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, since the original codification of 1979, which are not included in the Code or are recognized and continued in force by reference are retained and listed in the Ordinance Index.

**Section 3.**

Additions or amendments to the Code, when passed in the form as to indicate the intention of the city to make the same a part of the Code, shall be deemed to be incorporated in the Code. All ordinances approved shall be listed in the Ordinance Index in chronological order, indicating its Title, Day of Effect, and Chapters and/or Sections included. The Ordinance Index will be updated with each chapter update to the Code.

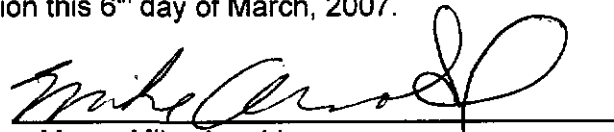
**Section 4.**

Ordinances adopted after March 19, 2007 that amend or refer to ordinances that have been codified in the Code shall be construed as if they amend or refer to like provisions of the Code.


**Section 5.**

This ordinance shall become effective March 19, 2007.


Passed and Adopted by the Aztec City Commission this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007.

  
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Mayor Mike Arnold

ATTEST:

  
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Rebecca L. Howard, City Clerk

APPROVE AS TO FORM:

  
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Larry T. Thrower, City Attorney

ADVERTISED DATE OF FINAL ADOPTION: March 14, 2007

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE: March 19, 2007