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Village of Tijeras Fact Sheet

The Village of Tijeras, incorporated in 1973, is a small municipality located at the crossroads of the East Mountains. The Village currently serves a population of around 540 residents. Our motto is: "Pride in Our Past, Faith in Our Future."

Village Services

- **Water and Wastewater.** The Village of Tijeras has three commercial wells that provide high quality drinking water to the community. Every current Village resident has the option to connect to the municipal water system. The Village is in the early stages of developing out a municipal wastewater utility.
- **Road Maintenance.** The Village maintains about nine miles of public roadways within municipal limits. In the last two years, we have ensured all Village roads are paved and have installed drainage improvements in areas prone to flooding or erosion. Village staff perform snowplowing on Village roads in winter.
- **Volunteer Fire Department.** The Village of Tijeras operates a volunteer fire department. Our department currently operates on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday, though we hope to eventually increase our number of service days. All Village residents also receive fire, emergency medical, and law enforcement services from Bernalillo County.
- **Planning and Zoning.** The Village has an appointed Planning and Zoning Commission that reviews proposed developments within the Village to ensure they conform with the provisions of our Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. The P&Z Commission also handles business registrations.
- **Motor Vehicle Department.** The Village is proud to host an award-winning MVD field office at our Village Hall facility. We receive countless compliments from customers about the professionalism and friendly service of our MVD clerks.
- **Senior Center.** The Village of Tijeras operates a Senior Center to provide free or low-cost meals (depending on age) and a variety of programs to our community's seniors.

You can find a wealth of information about the Village of Tijeras, including descriptions of ongoing projects, profiles of our Village officials and staff, copies of important Village ordinances and resolutions, and much more by visiting our website at tijerasnm.gov. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call at 505-281-1220 or visit our office located at 12 Camino Municipal, Tijeras, NM 87059. Please remember to wear your mask!



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Important Considerations

- **Taxes.** Village of Tijeras residents pay marginally higher taxes than residents of unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County. The following comparisons are based on figures from tax year 2020:
 - In 2020, the Village assessed taxable value for residential properties at a rate 2.9 percent higher than Bernalillo County. For non-residential properties, the Village's rate was 6.3 percent higher than the County's. In other words, Village residential property owners paid an additional \$29.00 per \$100,000 of total value, and Village non-residential property owners an additional \$74.00.
 - The 2020 gross receipts tax rate in the Village was 7.850 percent, a 1.4375 percent increase over Bernalillo County.
- **Expansion of Services.** Upon a successful petition for annexation, Village staff would quickly begin planning to extend water service to new Village residents. Please be aware, however, that this can be a lengthy process, as the Village depends on grant funding for its large capital projects. The exact timeframe for extension depends on the size of the newly-annexed area.
- **Resident Water Costs.** The Village installs water lines along all Village roadways and stub-outs for each existing property. However, residents are responsible for the connection between the Village's water meter and their residence. Additionally, the Village charges a \$2,000 connection fee for residential water accounts. A payment plan is available. Water customers are billed for their usage on a monthly basis.

The Annexation Process

Because the Village of Tijeras is located within Bernalillo County, considered a "Class A County" under New Mexico law, annexation to the Village is governed by the process set forth in Section 3-7-17.1 NMSA 1978. The steps are briefly outlined below:

1. **Petition** - One or more citizens interested in annexation present a petition to the Village Council. The petition must be signed by the owners of a majority of the number of acres in the territory proposed to be annexed. The petitioners must also supply a map showing the boundary of the territory and its relationship to the Village's existing municipal boundary.
2. **County Review** - The Village sends the petition to the Bernalillo County Commission for review and comment. The County Commission has 30 days to return its comments.
3. **Governing Body Approval** - The Village Council then approves or disapproves the annexation by ordinance, and must do so within 60 days of receiving the petition.