



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-17

CITY OF RATON, NEW MEXICO

**REQUEST THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE TO TABLE OR AMEND
HOUSE BILL 137 – CLEAN ELECTRIFICATION ACT**

WHEREAS, the City of Raton owns the Raton Public Service municipal electric utility for the benefit of the citizens of Raton and has operated the municipal electric utility for more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Raton and Raton Public Service strive to provide reliable electric service to the community at a fair and reasonable rate; and

WHEREAS, Raton has placed significant efforts and investment in economic development, improving local opportunities and community redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity for comment from municipal electric utilities power reliability at competitive rates is critical to the stated goals and continued recovery from a period of economic downturn and loss of economic base; and

WHEREAS, the City of Raton has evaluated House Bill 137 and the impacts of the legislation on the ratepayers of Raton, and have found that significant costs are likely to result, with insignificant environmental benefit that do not justify the expense, specifically to the most vulnerable citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 137 has been introduced without opportunity for discussion or comment by New Mexico municipal electric utilities, and without analysis of impacts to MOU communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Raton determines that House Bill 137 represents significant risk to the community and action on the bill should be delayed or municipal electric utilities should be exempted, as other entities are exempted due to the harmful results of the bill ; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Raton requests that the New Mexico Legislature, including the House of Representatives, the Senate, and all applicable committees, table House Bill 137 or amend House Bill 137 to exempt municipal electric utilities from the bill.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 23th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.

CITY OF RATON

James Neil Segotta, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk