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SENATE BILL 1598

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 9-461, 9-461.05 AND 9-461.06, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 6, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 9-461.14; AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 7, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 4; AMENDING SECTIONS 11-801, 11-804 AND 11-805, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS ADDED BY LAWS 2010, CHAPTER 244, SECTION 7; AMENDING TITLE 11, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS ADDED BY LAWS 2010, CHAPTER 244, SECTION 7, BY ADDING SECTION 11-809; AMENDING TITLE 11, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING CHAPTER 11; AMENDING SECTIONS 12-348 AND 48-3603, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CITY AND COUNTY REGULATIONS.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 9-461, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

9-461. <u>Definitions</u>

In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "AGGREGATE" MEANS CINDER, CRUSHED ROCK OR STONE, DECOMPOSED GRANITE, GRAVEL, PUMICE, PUMICITE AND SAND.
- $\frac{1}{1}$. "General plan" means a municipal statement of land development policies, which THAT may include maps, charts, graphs and text which THAT set forth objectives, principles and standards for local growth and redevelopment enacted under the provisions of this article or any prior statute.
- $\frac{2}{2}$. "Municipal" or "municipality" means an incorporated city or town.
- 3. 4. "Planning agency" means the official body designated by local ordinance to carry out the purposes of this article and may be a planning department, a planning commission, a hearing officer, the legislative body itself, or any combination thereof.
- 4. 5. "Right-of-way" means any public right-of-way and includes any area required for public use pursuant to any general or specific plan.
- 5. 6. "Specific plan" means a detailed element of the general plan enacted under the provisions of this article or a prior statute.
- 6. 7. "Street" means streets, highways, freeways, expressways, avenues, boulevards, parkways, roads, lanes, walks, alleys, viaducts, subways, tunnels, bridges, public access easements and rights-of-way.
- 7.8. "Subdivision regulations" means a municipal ordinance regulating the design and improvement of subdivisions enacted under the provisions of article 6.2 of this chapter, or any prior statute, regulating the design and improvement of subdivisions.
- 8.9. "Zoning ordinance" means a municipal ordinance regulating the use of land, OR structures, or both, under the provisions of this article.
- Sec. 2. Section 9-461.05, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

9-461.05. General plans; authority; scope

A. Each planning agency shall prepare and the governing body of each municipality shall adopt a comprehensive, long-range general plan for the development of the municipality. The planning agency shall coordinate the production of its general plan with the creation of the state land department conceptual land use plans under title 37, chapter 2, article 5.1 and shall cooperate with the state land department regarding integrating the conceptual state land use plans into the municipality's general land use plan. The general plan shall include provisions that identify changes or modifications to the plan that constitute amendments and major amendments. The plan shall be adopted and readopted in the manner prescribed by section 9-461.06.

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- B. The general plan shall be so prepared that all or individual elements of it may be adopted by the governing body and that it may be made applicable to all or part of the territory of the municipality.
- C. The general plan shall consist of a statement of community goals and development policies. It shall include maps, any necessary diagrams and text setting forth objectives, principles, standards and plan proposals. The plan shall include the following elements:
 - 1. A land use element that:
- (a) Designates the proposed general distribution and location and extent of such uses of the land for housing, business, industry, agriculture, recreation, education, public buildings and grounds, open space and other categories of public and private uses of land as may be appropriate to the municipality.
- (b) Includes a statement of the standards of population density and building intensity recommended for the various land use categories covered by the plan.
- (c) Identifies specific programs and policies that the municipality may use to promote infill or compact form development activity and locations where those development patterns should be encouraged.
- (d) Includes consideration of air quality and access to incident solar energy for all general categories of land use.
- (e) Includes policies that address maintaining a broad variety of land uses, including the range of uses existing in the municipality when the plan is adopted, readopted or amended.
- (f) For cities and towns with territory in the vicinity of a military airport or ancillary military facility as defined in section 28-8461, includes consideration of military airport or ancillary military facility operations. On or before December 31, 2005, if a city or town includes land in a high noise or accident potential zone as defined in section 28-8461, the city or town shall identify the boundaries of the high noise or accident potential zone in its general plan for purposes of planning land uses in the high noise or accident potential zone that are compatible with the operation of the military airport or ancillary military facility pursuant to section 28-8481, subsection J.
- (g) INCLUDES SOURCES OF CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED AGGREGATES FROM MAPS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FROM STATE AGENCIES, POLICIES TO PRESERVE CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED AGGREGATES SUFFICIENT FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND POLICIES TO AVOID INCOMPATIBLE LAND USES, EXCEPT THAT THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO AFFECT ANY PERMITTED UNDERGROUND STORAGE FACILITY OR LIMIT ANY PERSON'S RIGHT TO OBTAIN A PERMIT FOR AN UNDERGROUND STORAGE FACILITY PURSUANT TO TITLE 45, CHAPTER 3.1.
- 2. A circulation element consisting of the general location and extent of existing and proposed freeways, arterial and collector streets, bicycle routes and any other modes of transportation as may be appropriate, all correlated with the land use element of the plan.

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- D. For cities and towns having a population of more than two thousand five hundred persons but less than ten thousand persons and whose population growth rate exceeded an average of two per cent per year for the ten year period before the most recent United States decennial census and for cities and towns having a population of ten thousand or more persons according to the most recent United States decennial census, the general plan shall include, and for other cities and towns the general plan may include:
 - 1. An open space element that includes:
- (a) A comprehensive inventory of open space areas, recreational resources and designations of access points to open space areas and resources.
- (b) An analysis of forecasted needs, policies for managing and protecting open space areas and resources and implementation strategies to acquire additional open space areas and further establish recreational resources.
- (c) Policies and implementation strategies designed to promote a regional system of integrated open space and recreational resources and a consideration of any existing regional open space plans.
- 2. A growth area element, specifically identifying those areas, if any, that are particularly suitable for planned multimodal transportation and infrastructure expansion and improvements designed to support a planned concentration of a variety of uses, such as residential, office, commercial, tourism and industrial uses. This element shall include policies and implementation strategies that are designed to:
- (a) Make automobile, transit and other multimodal circulation more efficient, make infrastructure expansion more economical and provide for a rational pattern of land development.
- (b) Conserve significant natural resources and open space areas in the growth area and coordinate their location to similar areas outside the growth area's boundaries.
- (c) Promote the public and private construction of timely and financially sound infrastructure expansion through the use of infrastructure funding and financing planning that is coordinated with development activity.
- 3. An environmental planning element that contains analyses, policies and strategies to address anticipated effects, if any, of plan elements on air quality, water quality and natural resources associated with proposed development under the general plan. The policies and strategies to be developed under this element shall be designed to have community-wide applicability and shall not require the production of an additional environmental impact statement or similar analysis beyond the requirements of state and federal law.

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- 4. A cost of development element that identifies policies and strategies that the municipality will use to require development to pay its fair share toward the cost of additional public service needs generated by new development, with appropriate exceptions when in the public interest. This element shall include:
- (a) A component that identifies various mechanisms that are allowed by law and that can be used to fund and finance additional public services necessary to serve the development, including bonding, special taxing districts, development fees, in lieu fees, facility construction, dedications and service privatization.
- (b) A component that identifies policies to ensure that any mechanisms that are adopted by the municipality under this element result in a beneficial use to the development, bear a reasonable relationship to the burden imposed on the municipality to provide additional necessary public services to the development and otherwise are imposed according to law.
 - 5. A water resources element that addresses:
- (a) The known legally and physically available surface water, groundwater and effluent supplies.
- (b) The demand for water that will result from future growth projected in the general plan, added to existing uses.
- (c) An analysis of how the demand for water that will result from future growth projected in the general plan will be served by the water supplies identified in subdivision (a) of this paragraph or a plan to obtain additional necessary water supplies.
- E. The general plan shall include for cities of fifty thousand persons or more and may include for cities of less than fifty thousand persons the following elements or any part or phase of the following elements:
- 1. A conservation element for the conservation, development and utilization of natural resources, including forests, soils, rivers and other waters, harbors, fisheries, wildlife, minerals and other natural resources. The conservation element may also cover:
 - (a) The reclamation of land.
 - (b) Flood control.
- (c) Prevention and control of the pollution of streams and other waters.
- (d) Regulation of the use of land in stream channels and other areas required for the accomplishment of the conservation plan.
- (e) Prevention, control and correction of the erosion of soils, beaches and shores.
 - (f) Protection of watersheds.
- 2. A recreation element showing a comprehensive system of areas and public sites for recreation, including the following and, if practicable, their locations and proposed development:
 - (a) Natural reservations.
 - (b) Parks.

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- (c) Parkways and scenic drives.
- (d) Beaches.
- (e) Playgrounds and playfields.
- (f) Open space.
- (g) Bicycle routes.
- (h) Other recreation areas.
- 3. The circulation element provided for in subsection C, paragraph 2 of this section shall also include for cities of fifty thousand persons or more and may include for cities of less than fifty thousand persons recommendations concerning parking facilities, building setback requirements and the delineations of such systems on the land, a system of street naming and house and building numbering and other matters as may be related to the improvement of circulation of traffic. The circulation element may also include:
- (a) A transportation element showing a comprehensive transportation system, including locations of rights-of-way, terminals, viaducts and grade separations. This element of the plan may also include port, harbor, aviation and related facilities.
- (b) A transit element showing a proposed system of rail or transit lines or other mode of transportation as may be appropriate.
- 4. A public services and facilities element showing general plans for police, fire, emergency services, sewage, refuse disposal, drainage, local utilities, rights-of-way, easements and facilities for them.
- 5. A public buildings element showing locations of civic and community centers, public schools, libraries, police and fire stations and other public buildings.
- 6. A housing element consisting of standards and programs for the elimination of substandard dwelling conditions, for the improvement of housing quality, variety and affordability and for provision of adequate sites for housing. This element shall contain an identification and analysis of existing and forecasted housing needs. This element shall be designed to make equal provision for the housing needs of all segments of the community regardless of race, color, creed or economic level.
- 7. A conservation, rehabilitation and redevelopment element consisting of plans and programs for:
 - (a) The elimination of slums and blighted areas.
- (b) Community redevelopment, including housing sites, business and industrial sites and public building sites.
 - (c) Other purposes authorized by law.
- 8. A safety element for the protection of the community from natural and artificial hazards, including features necessary for such protection as evacuation routes, peak load water supply requirements, minimum road widths according to function, clearances around structures and geologic hazard mapping in areas of known geologic hazards.

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- 9. A bicycling element consisting of proposed bicycle facilities such as bicycle routes, bicycle parking areas and designated bicycle street crossing areas.
 - 10. An energy element that includes:
- (a) A component that identifies policies that encourage and provide incentives for efficient use of energy.
- (b) An assessment that identifies policies and practices that provide for greater uses of renewable energy sources.
 - 11. A neighborhood preservation and revitalization element, including:
- (a) A component that identifies city programs that promote home ownership, that provide assistance for improving the appearance of neighborhoods and that promote maintenance of both commercial and residential buildings in neighborhoods.
- (b) A component that identifies city programs that provide for the safety and security of neighborhoods.
 - F. The water resources element of the general plan does not require:
 - 1. New independent hydrogeologic studies.
 - 2. The city or town to be a water service provider.
- G. The land use element of a general plan of a city with a population of more than one million persons shall include protections from encroaching development for any shooting range that is owned by this state and that is located within or adjacent to the exterior municipal boundaries on or before January 1, 2004. The general plan shall establish land use categories within at least one-half mile from the exterior boundaries of the shooting range that are consistent with the continued existence of the shooting range and that exclude incompatible uses such as residences, schools, hotels, motels, hospitals or churches except that land zoned to permit these incompatible uses on August 25, 2004 are exempt from this exclusion. For the purposes of this subsection, "shooting range" means a permanently located and improved area that is designed and operated for the use of rifles, shotguns, pistols, silhouettes, skeet, trap, black powder or any other similar sport shooting in an outdoor environment. Shooting range does not include:
 - 1. Any area for the exclusive use of archery or air guns.
- 2. An enclosed indoor facility that is designed to offer a totally controlled shooting environment and that includes impenetrable walls, floor and ceiling, adequate ventilation, lighting systems and acoustical treatment for sound attenuation suitable for the range's approved use.
- 3. A national guard facility located in a city or town with a population of more than one million persons.
 - 4. A facility that was not owned by this state before January 1, 2002.
- H. The policies and strategies to be developed under these elements shall be designed to have community-wide applicability and this section does not authorize the imposition of dedications, exactions, fees or other requirements that are not otherwise authorized by law.

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Sec. 3. Section 9-461.06, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

9-461.06. Adoption and amendment of general plan: expiration and readoption

- A. In municipalities that have territory in a high noise or accident potential zone as defined in section 28-8461, the legislature finds that in general plans and amendments to general plans land use compatibility with the continued operation of a military airport or ancillary military facility as defined in section 28-8461 is a matter of statewide concern.
- B. The general plan and any amendment to such plan shall be adopted or readopted in the manner provided in this article.
 - C. The governing body shall:
- 1. Adopt written procedures to provide effective, early and continuous public participation in the development and major amendment of general plans from all geographic, ethnic and economic areas of the municipality. The procedures shall provide for:
 - (a) The broad dissemination of proposals and alternatives.
 - (b) The opportunity for written comments.
 - (c) Public hearings after effective notice.
- (d) Open discussions, communications programs and information services.
 - (e) Consideration of public comments.
- 2. Consult with, advise and provide an opportunity for official comment by public officials and agencies, the county, school districts, associations of governments, public land management agencies, the military airport if the municipality has territory in the vicinity of a military airport or ancillary military facility as defined in section 28-8461, other appropriate government jurisdictions, public utility companies, civic, educational, professional and other organizations, property owners and citizens generally to secure maximum coordination of plans and to indicate properly located sites for all public purposes on the general plan.
- D. At least sixty days before the general plan or an element or major amendment of a general plan is noticed pursuant to subsection E of this section, the planning agency shall transmit the proposal to the planning commission, if any, and the governing body and shall submit a copy for review and further comment to:
- 1. The planning agency of the county in which the municipality is located.
- 2. Each county or municipality that is contiguous to the corporate limits of the municipality or its area of extraterritorial jurisdiction.
- 3. The regional planning agency within which the municipality is located.
- 4. The department of commerce or any other state agency that is subsequently designated as the general planning agency for this state.

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- 5. The department of water resources for review and comment on the water resources element, if a water resources element is required.
- 6. If the general plan or an element or amendment of the general plan is applicable to territory in the vicinity of a military airport or ancillary military facility as defined in section 28-8461, the military airport.
- 7. If the general plan or an element or major amendment of the general plan is applicable to property in the high noise or accident potential zone of a military airport or ancillary military facility as defined in section 28-8461, the attorney general. For the purposes of this paragraph, "major amendment" means a substantial alteration of the municipality's land use mixture or balance as established in the municipality's existing general plan land use element.
- 8. Any person or entity that requests in writing to receive a review copy of the proposal.
- E. If the municipality has a planning commission, after considering any recommendations from the review required under subsection D of this section the planning commission shall hold at least one public hearing before approving a general plan or any amendment to such plan. When the general plan or any major amendment is being adopted, planning commissions in municipalities having populations over twenty-five thousand persons shall hold two or more public hearings at different locations within the municipality to promote citizen participation. Notice of the time and place of a hearing and availability of studies and summaries related to the hearing shall be given at least fifteen and not more than thirty calendar days before the hearing by:
- 1. Publication at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published or circulated in the municipality, or if there is none, the notice shall be posted in at least ten public places in the municipality.
- 2. Such other manner in addition to publication as the municipality may deem necessary or desirable.
- F. Action by the planning commission on the general plan or any amendment to the plan shall be transmitted to the governing body of the municipality.
- G. Before adopting the general plan, or any amendment to it, the governing body shall hold at least one public hearing. Notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be given in the time and manner provided for the giving of notice of the hearing by the planning commission as specified in subsection E of this section.
- H. The adoption or readoption of the general plan or any amendment to such plan shall be by resolution of the governing body of the municipality, after notice as provided for in subsection E of this section. The adoption or readoption of or a major amendment to the general plan shall be approved by affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the governing body of the municipality. All major amendments to the general plan proposed for adoption by the governing body of a municipality shall be presented at a

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single public hearing during the calendar year the proposal is made. The general plan, or any amendment to the plan, shall be endorsed in the manner provided by the governing body to show that it has been adopted by the governing body. If the municipality includes property in the high noise or accident potential zone of a military airport or ancillary military facility as defined in section 28-8461, the governing body of the municipality shall send notice of the approval, adoption or readoption of the general plan or major amendment to the general plan to the attorney general by certified mail, return receipt requested, within three business days after the approval, adoption or readoption. If the attorney general determines the approval, adoption or readoption of the general plan or major amendment to the general plan is not in compliance with section 28-8481, subsection J, the attorney general shall notify the municipality by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the determination of noncompliance. The municipality shall receive the notice from the attorney general within twenty-five days after the notice from the municipality to the attorney general is mailed pursuant to this subsection. The effective date of any approval, adoption or readoption of, or major amendment to, the general plan shall be thirty days after the governing body's receipt of the attorney general's determination of noncompliance. Within thirty days after the receipt of a determination of noncompliance by the attorney general as prescribed by this section, the governing body of the municipality shall reconsider any approval, adoption or readoption of, or major amendment to, the general plan that impacts property in the high noise or accident potential zone of a military airport or ancillary military facility as defined in section 28-8461. If the governing body reaffirms a prior action subject to an attorney general's determination of noncompliance pursuant to this section, the attorney general may institute a civil action pursuant to section 28-8481, subsection L. If the governing body timely sends notice pursuant to this subsection and the attorney general fails to timely notify the governing body of a determination of noncompliance, the general plan or major amendment to the general plan shall be deemed to comply with section 28-8481, subsection J. If the motion to adopt or readopt a general plan or an amendment to the general plan fails to pass, the governing body may reconsider the motion in any manner allowed by the governing body's rules of procedure, but any subsequent motion for the adoption or readoption of the general plan or a major amendment to the general plan must be approved by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the governing body. For the purposes of this subsection, "major amendment" means a substantial alteration of the municipality's land use mixture or balance as established in the municipality's existing general plan land use element. The municipality's general plan shall define the criteria to determine if a proposed amendment to the general plan effects a substantial alteration of the municipality's land use mixture or balance as established in the municipality's existing general plan land use element.

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- I. If the municipality does not have a planning commission, the only procedural steps required for the adoption of the general plan, or any amendment to such plan, shall be those provided in this article for action by the governing body.
- J. A copy of the adopted general plan of a municipality shall be sent to the planning agency of the county within which the municipality is located, and such plan or any portion of the plan may be adopted as a part of the county general plan.
- K. A general plan, with any amendments, is effective for up to ten years from the date the plan was initially adopted and ratified pursuant to subsection M of this section, or until the plan is readopted pursuant to this subsection and ratified pursuant to subsection M of this section or a new plan is adopted pursuant to this subsection and ratified pursuant to subsection M of this section, and becomes effective. On or before the tenth anniversary of the plan's most recent adoption, the governing body of the municipality shall either readopt the existing plan for an additional term of up to ten years or shall adopt a new general plan as provided by this article.
- L. Except for general plans that are required to be submitted to the voters for ratification pursuant to subsection M of this section, the adoption or readoption of a general plan, and any amendment to a general plan, shall not be enacted as an emergency measure and is subject to referendum as provided by article IV, part 1, section 1, subsection (8), Constitution of Arizona, and title 19, chapter 1, article 4.
- The governing body of a city or town having a population of more than two thousand five hundred persons but less than ten thousand persons and whose population growth rate exceeded an average of two per cent per year for the ten year period before the most recent United States decennial census, and any city or town having a population of ten thousand or more persons, shall submit each new general plan adopted pursuant to subsection K of this section to the voters for ratification at the next regularly scheduled municipal election or at a special election scheduled at least one hundred twenty days after the governing body adopted the plan pursuant to section 16-204. The governing body shall include a general description of the plan and its elements in the municipal election pamphlet and shall provide public copies of the plan in at least two locations that are easily accessible to the public and may include posting on the municipality's official internet web site WEBSITE. If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the proposition approves the new plan, it shall become effective as provided by law. If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the proposition fails to approve the new plan, the current plan remains in effect until a new plan is approved by the voters pursuant to this subsection. The governing body shall either resubmit the proposed new plan, or revise the new plan as provided by this section, for subsequent submission to the voters at the next regularly scheduled municipal election or at a special election scheduled at

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least one hundred twenty days after the governing body readopted the new or revised new plan. All subsequent adoptions and submissions of the new plan or revised plans must comply with the procedures prescribed by this section until the plan is ratified.

- N. In applying an open space element or a growth element of a general plan a municipality shall not designate private land or state trust land as open space, recreation, conservation or agriculture unless the municipality receives the written consent of the landowner or provides an alternative, economically viable designation in the general plan or zoning ordinance, allowing at least one residential dwelling per acre. If the landowner is the prevailing party in any action brought to enforce this subsection, a court shall award fees and other expenses to the landowner. A municipality may designate land as open space without complying with the requirements of this subsection if the land was zoned as open space and used as a golf course pursuant to a zoning ordinance adopted pursuant to article 6.1 of this chapter before May 1, 2000 and the designation does not impose additional conditions, limitations or restrictions on the golf course, unless the land is state trust land that was not planned and zoned as open space pursuant to title 37, chapter 2, article 5.1.
- O. A PERSON, AFTER HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION H OF THIS SECTION, MAY FILE A PETITION FOR SPECIAL ACTION IN SUPERIOR COURT TO REVIEW THE GOVERNING BODY'S DECISION THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE MANDATORY REQUIREMENT PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 9-461.05, SUBSECTION C, PARAGRAPH 1, SUBDIVISION (g) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE GOVERNING BODY HAS RENDERED ITS DECISION. THE COURT MAY AFFIRM, MODIFY OR REVERSE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, THE DECISION REVIEWED.
- Sec. 4. Title 9, chapter 4, article 6, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 9-461.14, to read:

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9-461.14. <u>Public works project planning: public service corporation input: definition</u>
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- A. A CITY OR TOWN IN THE DESIGN PHASE OF A PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT SHALL INCLUDE ALL PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS THAT ARE AFFECTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT IN THE DESIGN PHASE PROCESS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT IN ORDER TO BOTH:
- 1. ELIMINATE OR MINIMIZE RELOCATION COSTS OF AERIAL, SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES FOR THOSE PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS.
- 2. MINIMIZE THE NEED FOR CONSTRUCTION OR CHANGE OF FACILITIES AFTER COMPLETION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT.
- B. THIS SECTION DOES NOT ALTER THE CITY'S OR TOWN'S DUTY TO PAY FOR THE AFFECTED PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION'S RELOCATION COSTS PURSUANT TO STATUTE.
- C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 12-1141.

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Sec. 5. Title 9, chapter 7, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding article 4, to read:

ARTICLE 4. MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS ON BUSINESSES

9-831. <u>Definitions</u>

IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

- 1. "LICENSE" INCLUDES THE WHOLE OR PART OF ANY MUNICIPAL PERMIT, CERTIFICATE, APPROVAL, REGISTRATION, CHARTER OR SIMILAR FORM OF PERMISSION REQUIRED BY LAW.
- 2. "LICENSING" INCLUDES THE MUNICIPAL PROCESS RESPECTING THE GRANT, DENIAL, RENEWAL, REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, ANNULMENT, WITHDRAWAL OR AMENDMENT OF A LICENSE.
 - 3. "MUNICIPAL" OR "MUNICIPALITY" MEANS AN INCORPORATED CITY OR TOWN.
- 4. "PERSON" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISION OR UNIT OF A GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISION OR A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATION OF ANY CHARACTER.
- 5. "SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT" MEANS A WRITTEN EXPRESSION THAT IS ONLY ADVISORY AND INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF A MUNICIPALITY'S CURRENT APPROACH TO, OR OPINION OF, THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCES OR CODES, INCLUDING, WHERE APPROPRIATE, THE MUNICIPALITY'S CURRENT PRACTICE, PROCEDURE OR METHOD OF ACTION BASED ON THAT APPROACH OR OPINION. A SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE INTERNAL PROCEDURAL DOCUMENTS THAT ONLY AFFECT THE INTERNAL PROCEDURES OF THE MUNICIPALITY AND DO NOT IMPOSE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OR PENALTIES ON REGULATED PARTIES OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

9-832. Regulatory bill of rights

TO ENSURE FAIR AND OPEN REGULATION BY MUNICIPALITIES, A PERSON:

- 1. IS ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES IF THE PERSON PREVAILS BY ADJUDICATION ON THE MERITS AGAINST A MUNICIPALITY IN A COURT PROCEEDING REGARDING A MUNICIPALITY DECISION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 12-348.
- 2. IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND NOTICE REGARDING INSPECTIONS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 9-833.
- 3. IS ENTITLED TO HAVE A MUNICIPALITY NOT BASE A LICENSING DECISION IN WHOLE OR IN PART ON LICENSING CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 9-834, SUBSECTION A.
- 4. IS ENTITLED TO HAVE A MUNICIPALITY NOT ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OR CODE UNDER A SPECIFIC GRANT OF AUTHORITY THAT EXCEEDS THE SUBJECT MATTER AREAS LISTED IN THE SPECIFIC GRANT OF AUTHORITY OR NOT ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OR CODE UNDER A GENERAL GRANT OF AUTHORITY TO SUPPLEMENT A MORE SPECIFIC GRANT OF AUTHORITY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 9-834, SUBSECTION B.
- 5. MAY HAVE A MUNICIPALITY APPROVE OR DENY THE PERSON'S LICENSE APPLICATION WITHIN A PREDETERMINED PERIOD OF TIME AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 9-835
- 6. IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE WRITTEN NOTICE FROM A MUNICIPALITY ON DENIAL OF A LICENSE APPLICATION:

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- (a) THAT JUSTIFIES THE DENIAL WITH REFERENCES TO THE ORDINANCE, CODE OR AUTHORIZED SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS ON WHICH THE DENIAL IS BASED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 9-835.
- (b) THAT EXPLAINS THE APPLICANT'S RIGHT TO APPEAL THE DENIAL AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 9-835.
- 7. IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE LICENSE APPLICATION PROCESS AT THE TIME THE PERSON OBTAINS AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 9-836.
- 8. MAY INSPECT ALL ORDINANCES, CODES AND SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS OF A MUNICIPALITY, INCLUDING A DIRECTORY OF DOCUMENTS, AT THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPALITY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 9-837.
- 9. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED, MAY EXPECT MUNICIPALITIES TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF OTHER LAWS THAT DO NOT ENHANCE REGULATORY CLARITY AND TO AVOID DUAL PERMITTING TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 9-834.
- 10. MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE CITY COUNCIL CONCERNING AN ORDINANCE, CODE OR SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT THAT FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION.
 - 9-833. <u>Inspections</u>; applicability
- A. A MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR OR REGULATOR WHO ENTERS ANY PREMISES OF A REGULATED PERSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING AN INSPECTION SHALL:
 - 1. PRESENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION ON ENTRY OF THE PREMISES.
- 2. ON INITIATION OF THE INSPECTION, STATE THE PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION AND THE LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCTING THE INSPECTION.
 - 3. DISCLOSE ANY APPLICABLE INSPECTION FEES.
- 4. AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AN AUTHORIZED ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGULATED PERSON ACCOMPANY THE MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR OR REGULATOR ON THE PREMISES. EXCEPT DURING CONFIDENTIAL INTERVIEWS.
 - 5. PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE RIGHT TO HAVE:
- (a) COPIES OF ANY ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS TAKEN BY THE MUNICIPALITY DURING THE INSPECTION IF THE MUNICIPALITY IS PERMITTED BY LAW TO TAKE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.
- (b) A SPLIT OF ANY SAMPLES TAKEN DURING THE INSPECTION IF THE SPLIT OF ANY SAMPLES WOULD NOT PROHIBIT AN ANALYSIS FROM BEING CONDUCTED OR RENDER AN ANALYSIS INCONCLUSIVE.
- (c) COPIES OF ANY ANALYSIS PERFORMED ON SAMPLES TAKEN DURING THE INSPECTION.
- 6. INFORM EACH PERSON WHOSE CONVERSATION WITH THE MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR OR REGULATOR DURING THE INSPECTION IS TAPE RECORDED THAT THE CONVERSATION IS BEING TAPE RECORDED.
- 7. INFORM EACH PERSON INTERVIEWED DURING THE INSPECTION THAT STATEMENTS MADE BY THE PERSON MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE INSPECTION REPORT.
- B. ON INITIATION OF AN INSPECTION OF ANY PREMISES OF A REGULATED PERSON, A MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR OR REGULATOR SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING IN WRITING:

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- 1. THE RIGHTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.
- 2. THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF A CONTACT PERSON AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING THE INSPECTION.
- 3. THE DUE PROCESS RIGHTS RELATING TO AN APPEAL OF A FINAL DECISION OF A MUNICIPALITY BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE INSPECTION, INCLUDING THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF A PERSON TO CONTACT WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY AND ANY APPROPRIATE MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY OR STATE GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN.
- C. A MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR OR REGULATOR SHALL OBTAIN THE SIGNATURE OF THE REGULATED PERSON OR ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGULATED PERSON ON THE WRITING PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION INDICATING THAT THE REGULATED PERSON OR ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGULATED PERSON HAS READ THE WRITING PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION AND IS NOTIFIED OF THE REGULATED PERSON'S INSPECTION AND DUE PROCESS RIGHTS. THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL MAINTAIN A COPY OF THIS SIGNATURE WITH THE INSPECTION REPORT AND SHALL LEAVE A COPY WITH THE REGULATED PERSON OR ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGULATED PERSON. IF A REGULATED PERSON OR ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGULATED PERSON IS NOT AT THE SITE OR REFUSES TO SIGN THE WRITING PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, THE MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR OR REGULATOR SHALL NOTE THAT FACT ON THE WRITING PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION B
- D. A MUNICIPALITY THAT CONDUCTS AN INSPECTION SHALL GIVE A COPY OF THE INSPECTION REPORT TO THE REGULATED PERSON OR ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGULATED PERSON EITHER:
 - 1. AT THE TIME OF THE INSPECTION.
- 2. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER STATE LAW, WITHIN THIRTY WORKING DAYS AFTER THE INSPECTION.
 - 3. AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW.
- E. THE INSPECTION REPORT SHALL CONTAIN DEFICIENCIES IDENTIFIED DURING AN INSPECTION. UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, THE MUNICIPALITY MAY PROVIDE THE REGULATED PERSON AN OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT THE DEFICIENCIES UNLESS THE MUNICIPALITY DETERMINES THAT THE DEFICIENCIES ARE:
 - 1. COMMITTED INTENTIONALLY.
- 2. NOT CORRECTABLE WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME AS DETERMINED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.
 - 3. EVIDENCE OF A PATTERN OF NONCOMPLIANCE.
- 4. A RISK TO ANY PERSON, THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OR THE ENVIRONMENT.
- F. IF THE MUNICIPALITY ALLOWS THE REGULATED PERSON AN OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT THE DEFICIENCIES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION E OF THIS SECTION, THE REGULATED PERSON SHALL NOTIFY THE MUNICIPALITY WHEN THE DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION FROM THE REGULATED PERSON THAT THE DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL DETERMINE IF THE REGULATED PERSON IS IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE AND NOTIFY THE REGULATED PERSON WHETHER OR NOT THE REGULATED PERSON IS IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE. IF THE REGULATED PERSON FAILS TO CORRECT THE

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DEFICIENCIES OR THE MUNICIPALITY DETERMINES THE DEFICIENCIES HAVE NOT BEEN CORRECTED WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME, THE MUNICIPALITY MAY TAKE ANY ENFORCEMENT ACTION AUTHORIZED BY LAW FOR THE DEFICIENCIES.

- G. A MUNICIPALITY'S DECISION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION E OR F OF THIS SECTION IS NOT AN APPEALABLE MUNICIPAL ACTION.
- H. AT LEAST ONCE EVERY MONTH AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE INSPECTION, A MUNICIPALITY SHALL PROVIDE A REGULATED PERSON WITH AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF ANY MUNICIPAL ACTION RESULTING FROM AN INSPECTION OF THE REGULATED PERSON. A MUNICIPALITY IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE AFTER THE REGULATED PERSON IS NOTIFIED THAT NO MUNICIPAL ACTION WILL RESULT FROM THE MUNICIPALITY'S INSPECTION OR AFTER THE COMPLETION OF MUNICIPAL ACTION RESULTING FROM THE MUNICIPALITY'S INSPECTION.
- I. THIS SECTION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE AN INSPECTION OR ANY OTHER ACT THAT IS NOT OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY LAW.
- J. THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO INSPECTIONS NECESSARY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE OR TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY:
- 1. TO CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS, INVESTIGATIONS UNDER TRIBAL-STATE GAMING COMPACTS AND UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATIONS THAT ARE GENERALLY OR SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY LAW.
- 2. IF THE INSPECTOR OR REGULATOR HAS REASONABLE SUSPICION TO BELIEVE THAT THE REGULATED PERSON MAY BE ENGAGED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.
- 3. TO THE ARIZONA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 41-1821.
- K. IF AN INSPECTOR OR REGULATOR GATHERS EVIDENCE IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE VIOLATION SHALL NOT BE A BASIS TO EXCLUDE THE EVIDENCE IN A CIVIL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING, IF THE PENALTY SOUGHT IS THE DENIAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE REGULATED PERSON'S LICENSE OR A CIVIL PENALTY OF MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.
- L. FAILURE OF A MUNICIPALITY, BOARD OR COMMISSION EMPLOYEE TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION:
- 1. CONSTITUTES CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION OR DISMISSAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-770.
- 2. SHALL BE CONSIDERED BY THE JUDGE AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AS GROUNDS FOR REDUCTION OF ANY FINE OR CIVIL PENALTY.
- M. A MUNICIPALITY MAY ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 5 OF THIS SECTION.
- N. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE USED TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING.
 - 9-834. Prohibited acts by municipalities
- A. A MUNICIPALITY SHALL NOT BASE A LICENSING DECISION IN WHOLE OR IN PART ON A LICENSING REQUIREMENT OR CONDITION THAT IS NOT SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE, RULE, ORDINANCE OR CODE. A GENERAL GRANT OF AUTHORITY DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A BASIS FOR IMPOSING A LICENSING REQUIREMENT OR CONDITION UNLESS THE AUTHORITY SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZES THE REQUIREMENT OR CONDITION.

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- B. A MUNICIPALITY SHALL NOT:
- 1. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OR CODE UNDER A SPECIFIC GRANT OF AUTHORITY THAT EXCEEDS THE SUBJECT MATTER AREAS LISTED IN THE SPECIFIC GRANT OF AUTHORITY.
- 2. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OR CODE UNDER A GENERAL GRANT OF AUTHORITY TO SUPPLEMENT A MORE SPECIFIC GRANT OF AUTHORITY.
- C. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED, A MUNICIPALITY SHALL AVOID DUPLICATION OF OTHER LAWS THAT DO NOT ENHANCE REGULATORY CLARITY AND SHALL AVOID DUAL PERMITTING TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE.
- D. THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT MUNICIPAL FLEXIBILITY TO ISSUE LICENSES OR ADOPT ORDINANCES OR CODES.
 - 9-835. <u>Licensing time frames; compliance; consequence for failure to comply with time frame; exception</u>
- A. FOR ANY NEW ORDINANCE OR CODE REQUIRING A LICENSE, A MUNICIPALITY SHALL HAVE IN PLACE AN OVERALL TIME FRAME DURING WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY WILL EITHER GRANT OR DENY EACH TYPE OF LICENSE THAT IT ISSUES. THE OVERALL TIME FRAME FOR EACH TYPE OF LICENSE SHALL STATE SEPARATELY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS REVIEW TIME FRAME AND THE SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW TIME FRAME.
- B. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2012, A MUNICIPALITY THAT ISSUES LICENSES REQUIRED UNDER EXISTING ORDINANCES OR CODES SHALL HAVE IN PLACE AN OVERALL TIME FRAME DURING WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY WILL EITHER GRANT OR DENY EACH TYPE OF LICENSE THAT IT ISSUES. THE OVERALL TIME FRAME FOR EACH TYPE OF LICENSE SHALL STATE SEPARATELY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS REVIEW TIME FRAME AND THE SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW TIME FRAME. MUNICIPALITIES SHALL PRIORITIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TIME FRAMES FOR THOSE LICENSES THAT HAVE THE GREATEST IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC.
- C. IN ESTABLISHING TIME FRAMES, MUNICIPALITIES SHALL CONSIDER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - 1. THE COMPLEXITY OF THE LICENSING SUBJECT MATTER.
 - 2. THE RESOURCES OF THE MUNICIPALITY.
 - 3. THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF DELAY ON THE REGULATED COMMUNITY.
 - 4. THE IMPACT OF THE LICENSING DECISION ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.
- 5. THE POSSIBLE USE OF VOLUNTEERS WITH EXPERTISE IN THE SUBJECT MATTER AREA.
- 6. THE POSSIBLE INCREASED USE OF GENERAL LICENSES FOR SIMILAR TYPES OF LICENSED BUSINESSES OR FACILITIES.
- 7. THE POSSIBLE INCREASED COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY AND THE REGULATED COMMUNITY.
- 8. INCREASED MUNICIPAL FLEXIBILITY IN STRUCTURING THE LICENSING PROCESS AND PERSONNEL.
- D. A MUNICIPALITY SHALL ISSUE A WRITTEN NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS OR DEFICIENCIES TO AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS REVIEW TIME FRAME.
- E. IF A MUNICIPALITY DETERMINES THAT AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE IS NOT ADMINISTRATIVELY COMPLETE, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL INCLUDE A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF THE SPECIFIC DEFICIENCIES IN THE WRITTEN NOTICE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO

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SUBSECTION D. IF THE MUNICIPALITY ISSUES A WRITTEN NOTICE OF DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS TIME FRAME, THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS REVIEW TIME FRAME AND THE OVERALL TIME FRAME ARE SUSPENDED FROM THE DATE THE NOTICE IS ISSUED UNTIL THE DATE THAT THE MUNICIPALITY RECEIVES THE MISSING INFORMATION FROM THE APPLICANT.

- F. IF A MUNICIPALITY DOES NOT ISSUE A WRITTEN NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS OR DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS REVIEW TIME FRAME, THE APPLICATION IS DEEMED ADMINISTRATIVELY COMPLETE. IF A MUNICIPALITY ISSUES A TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE OF DEFICIENCIES, AN APPLICATION SHALL NOT BE COMPLETE UNTIL ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.
- G. DURING THE SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW TIME FRAME, A MUNICIPALITY MAY MAKE ONE COMPREHENSIVE WRITTEN REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THE MUNICIPALITY AND APPLICANT MAY MUTUALLY AGREE IN WRITING TO ALLOW THE MUNICIPALITY TO SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. IF A MUNICIPALITY ISSUES A COMPREHENSIVE WRITTEN REQUEST OR A SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST BY MUTUAL WRITTEN AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, THE SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW TIME FRAME AND THE OVERALL TIME FRAME ARE SUSPENDED FROM THE DATE THE REQUEST IS ISSUED UNTIL THE DATE THAT THE MUNICIPALITY RECEIVES THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE APPLICANT.
- H. BY MUTUAL WRITTEN AGREEMENT, A MUNICIPALITY AND AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE MAY EXTEND THE SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW TIME FRAME AND THE OVERALL TIME FRAME. AN EXTENSION OF THE SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW TIME FRAME AND THE OVERALL TIME FRAME MAY NOT EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THE OVERALL TIME FRAME.
- I. UNLESS A MUNICIPALITY AND AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE MUTUALLY AGREE TO EXTEND THE SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW TIME FRAME AND THE OVERALL TIME FRAME PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION H, A MUNICIPALITY SHALL ISSUE A WRITTEN NOTICE GRANTING OR DENYING A LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT. IF A MUNICIPALITY DENIES AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL INCLUDE IN THE WRITTEN NOTICE AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
- 1. JUSTIFICATION FOR THE DENIAL WITH REFERENCES TO THE STATUTES, ORDINANCES, CODES OR SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS ON WHICH THE DENIAL IS BASED.
- 2. AN EXPLANATION OF THE APPLICANT'S RIGHT TO APPEAL THE DENIAL. THE EXPLANATION SHALL INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF DAYS IN WHICH THE APPLICANT MUST FILE A PROTEST CHALLENGING THE DENIAL AND THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF A MUNICIPAL CONTACT PERSON WHO CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPEALS PROCESS.
- J. IF A MUNICIPALITY DOES NOT ISSUE THE APPLICANT THE WRITTEN NOTICE GRANTING OR DENYING A LICENSE WITHIN THE OVERALL TIME FRAME OR WITHIN THE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON TIME FRAME EXTENSION, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL REFUND TO THE APPLICANT ALL FEES CHARGED FOR REVIEWING AND ACTING ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE LICENSE AND SHALL EXCUSE PAYMENT OF ANY FEES THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN PAID. THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL NOT REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A REFUND PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION. THE REFUND SHALL BE

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MADE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE OVERALL TIME FRAME OR THE TIME FRAME EXTENSION. THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL CONTINUE TO PROCESS THE APPLICATION. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER STATUTE, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL MAKE THE REFUND FROM THE FUND IN WHICH THE APPLICATION FEES WERE ORIGINALLY DEPOSITED.

K. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO LICENSES ISSUED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF INITIAL APPLICATION.

9-836. License application process

A MUNICIPALITY THAT ISSUES LICENSES SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO AN APPLICANT AT THE TIME THE APPLICANT OBTAINS AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE:

- 1. A LIST OF ALL OF THE STEPS THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO TAKE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE LICENSE.
 - 2. THE APPLICABLE LICENSING TIME FRAMES.
- 3. THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF A MUNICIPAL CONTACT PERSON WHO CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS OR PROVIDE ASSISTANCE THROUGHOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

9-837. <u>Directory of documents</u>

THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL PUBLISH, OR PROMINENTLY PLACE ON THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE, AT LEAST ANNUALLY A DIRECTORY SUMMARIZING THE SUBJECT MATTER OF ALL CURRENTLY APPLICABLE ORDINANCES, CODES AND SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS. THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL KEEP COPIES OF THIS DIRECTORY AND ALL SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS AT ONE LOCATION. THE DIRECTORY, ORDINANCES, CODES, SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS AND ANY MATERIALS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE DOCUMENTS SHALL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

9-837. Complaints: governing body review

THE GOVERNING BODY MAY RECEIVE COMPLAINTS CONCERNING ORDINANCES, CODES, SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS OR MUNICIPALITY PRACTICES ALLEGED TO VIOLATE THIS ARTICLE. THE GOVERNING BODY MAY REVIEW ANY ORDINANCE, CODE, SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT OR MUNICIPAL PRACTICE ALLEGED TO VIOLATE THIS ARTICLE AND MAY HOLD HEARINGS REGARDING THE ALLEGATIONS. THE GOVERNING BODY MAY RECOMMEND ACTIONS TO ALLEVIATE THE ASPECTS OF THE ORDINANCES, CODES, SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS OR MUNICIPALITY PRACTICES ALLEGED TO VIOLATE THIS ARTICLE.

Sec. 6. Section 11-801, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by Laws 2010, chapter 244, section 7, is amended to read:

11-801. Definitions

In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "AGGREGATE" MEANS CINDER, CRUSHED ROCK OR STONE, DECOMPOSED GRANITE, GRAVEL, PUMICE, PUMICITE AND SAND.
- 1. 2. "Area of jurisdiction" means that part of the county outside the corporate limits of any municipality.
 - 2. 3. "Board" means the board of supervisors.
 - 3. 4. "Commission" means the county planning and zoning commission.
- 4. 5. "Indian reservation" means all lands that are held in trust by

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the United States for the exclusive use and occupancy of Indian tribes by treaty, law or executive order and that are currently recognized as Indian reservations by the United States department of the interior.

- 5. 6. "Inspector" means the county zoning inspector.
- 6. 7. "Newspaper of general circulation in the county seat" means a daily or weekly newspaper if any is published in the county seat.
- 7. 8. "Rezoning" means a change in the zoning ordinance changing the zoning district boundaries within an area previously zoned.
- 8.9. "Zoning district" means any portion of a county in which the same set of zoning regulations applies.
- $9.\,$ 10. "Zoning ordinance" means an ordinance that is adopted by the board of supervisors and that contains zoning regulations together with a map setting forth the precise boundaries of zoning districts within which the various zoning regulations are effective.
- 10. 11. "Zoning regulations" means provisions that govern the use of land or buildings, or both, the height and location of buildings, the size of yards, courts and open spaces, the establishment of setback lines and such other matters as may otherwise be authorized under this chapter and that the board deems suitable and proper.
- $\frac{11}{12}$. "Zoning regulations amendment" means a change in the zoning ordinance that modifies, adds to, transfers or repeals one or more zoning regulations or that adds one or more zoning regulations.
- Sec. 7. Section 11-804, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by Laws 2010, chapter 244, section 7, is amended to read:

11-804. Comprehensive plan: contents

A. The commission shall formulate and the board of supervisors shall adopt or readopt a long-term comprehensive plan for the development of the area of jurisdiction in the manner prescribed by this article. The comprehensive plan, with the accompanying maps, plats, charts and descriptive matter, shall show the commission's recommendations for the development of the area of jurisdiction. The comprehensive plan shall be made with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the area of jurisdiction pursuant to the present and future needs of the county. The comprehensive plan shall be developed so as to conserve the natural resources of the county, to ensure efficient expenditure of public monies and to promote the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the public. The comprehensive plan may include studies and recommendations relative to the location, character and extent of highways, railroads, bus and other transportation routes, bicycle facilities, bridges, public buildings, public services, schools, parks, open space, housing quality, variety and affordability, parkways, hiking and riding trails, airports, forests, wildlife areas, dams, projects affecting conservation of natural resources, air quality, water quality and floodplain zoning. In the preparation of the comprehensive plan, the commission shall make surveys and studies of the present conditions and prospective future

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growth of the area of the jurisdiction. The comprehensive plan shall be a public record, but its purpose and effect shall be primarily as an aid to the county planning and zoning commission and to the board of supervisors in the performance of their duties. The comprehensive plan shall include provisions that identify changes or modifications that constitute amendments and major amendments to the plan.

- B. In addition to the other matters that are required or authorized under this section and this article, for counties with a population of more than one hundred twenty-five thousand persons, the comprehensive plan shall include, and for other counties the comprehensive plan may include:
- 1. Planning for land use that designates the proposed general distribution and location and extent of uses of the land for housing, business, industry, agriculture, recreation, education, public buildings and grounds, open space and other categories of public and private uses of land appropriate to the county. The land use plan shall include:
- (a) A statement of the standards of population density and building intensity recommended for the various land use categories covered by the plan.
- (b) Specific programs and policies that the county may use to promote compact form development activity and locations where those development patterns should be encouraged.
- (c) Consideration of air quality and access to incident solar energy for all general categories of land use.
- (d) Policies that address maintaining a broad variety of land uses, including the range of uses existing in the county at the time the plan is adopted, readopted or amended.
- (e) CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED SOURCES OF AGGREGATES FROM MAPS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FROM STATE AGENCIES, POLICIES TO PRESERVE CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED AGGREGATES SUFFICIENT FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND POLICIES TO AVOID INCOMPATIBLE LAND USES, EXCEPT THAT THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO AFFECT ANY PERMITTED UNDERGROUND STORAGE FACILITY OR LIMIT ANY PERSON'S RIGHT TO OBTAIN A PERMIT FOR AN UNDERGROUND STORAGE FACILITY PURSUANT TO TITLE 45, CHAPTER 3.1.
- 2. Planning for circulation consisting of the general location and extent of existing and proposed freeways, arterial and collector streets, bicycle routes and any other modes of transportation as may be appropriate, all correlated with the land use plan under paragraph 1 of this subsection.
 - 3. Planning for water resources that addresses:
- (a) The known legally and physically available surface water, groundwater and effluent supplies.
- (b) The demand for water that will result from future growth projected in the comprehensive plan, added to existing uses.

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- (c) An analysis of how the demand for water that will result from future growth projected in the comprehensive plan will be served by the water supplies identified in subdivision (a) of this paragraph or a plan to obtain additional necessary water supplies.
 - 4. Planning for energy use that:
 - (a) Encourages and provides incentives for efficient use of energy.
- (b) Identifies policies and practices for greater use of renewable energy.
- C. In addition to the other matters that are required or authorized under this section and this article, for counties with a population of more than two hundred thousand persons, the comprehensive plan shall include, and for other counties the comprehensive plan may include:
- 1. Planning for open space acquisition and preservation. The oper space plan shall include:
- (a) A comprehensive inventory of open space areas, recreational resources and designations of access points to open space areas and resources.
- (b) An analysis of forecasted needs, policies for managing and protecting open space areas and resources and implementation strategies to acquire additional open space areas and further establish recreational resources.
- (c) Policies and implementation strategies designed to promote a regional system of integrated open space and recreational resources and a consideration of any existing regional open space plan.
- 2. Planning for growth areas, specifically identifying those areas, if any, that are particularly suitable for planned multimodal transportation and infrastructure expansion and improvements designed to support a planned concentration of a variety of uses, such as residential, office, commercial, tourism and industrial uses. The mixed use planning shall include policies and implementation strategies that are designed to:
- (a) Make automobile, transit and other multimodal circulation more efficient, make infrastructure expansion more economical and provide for a rational pattern of land development.
- (b) Conserve significant natural resources and open areas in the growth area and coordinate their location to similar areas outside the growth area's boundaries.
- (c) Promote the public and private construction of timely and financially sound infrastructure expansion through the use of infrastructure funding and financing planning that is coordinated with development activity.
- 3. An environmental planning element that contains analyses, policies and strategies to address anticipated effects, if any, of plan elements on air quality, water quality and natural resources associated with proposed development under the comprehensive plan. The policies and strategies to be developed under this element shall be designed to have countywide applicability and shall not require the production of an additional

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environmental impact statement or similar analysis beyond the requirements of state and federal law.

- 4. A cost of development element that identifies policies and strategies that the county will use to require development to pay its fair share toward the cost of additional public facility needs generated by new development, with appropriate exceptions when in the public interest. This element shall include:
- (a) A component that identifies various mechanisms that are allowed by law and that can be used to fund and finance additional public services necessary to serve the development, including bonding, special taxing districts, development fees, in lieu fees and facility construction, dedications and privatization.
- (b) A component that identifies policies to ensure that any mechanisms that are adopted by the county under this element result in a beneficial use to the development, bear a reasonable relationship to the burden imposed on the county to provide additional necessary public facilities to the development and otherwise are imposed pursuant to law.
- D. The water resources element of the comprehensive plan does not require:
 - 1. New independent hydrogeologic studies.
 - 2. The county to be a water service provider.
- E. In applying an open space element or a growth element of a comprehensive plan, a county shall not designate private or state land as open space, recreation, conservation or agriculture unless the county receives the written consent of the landowner or provides an alternative, economically viable designation in the comprehensive plan or zoning ordinance, allowing at least one residential dwelling per acre. If the landowner is the prevailing party in any action brought to enforce this subsection, a court shall award fees and other expenses to the landowner. Each county shall incorporate this subsection into its comprehensive plan and provide a process for a landowner to resolve discrepancies relating to this subsection.
- F. The policies and strategies to be developed under these elements shall be designed to have regional applicability.
- G. For counties with territory in the vicinity of a military airport or ancillary military facility as defined in section 28-8461, the commission shall also consider military airport or ancillary military facility operations and, on or before December 31, 2005, shall identify the boundaries of any high noise or accident potential zone as defined in section 28-8461 in its comprehensive plan for purposes of planning land uses in the high noise or accident potential zone that are compatible with the operation of the military airport or ancillary military facility pursuant to section 28-8481, subsection J.

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Sec. 8. Section 11-805, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by Laws 2010, chapter 244, section 7, is amended to read:

11-805. <u>Comprehensive plan adoption: notice: hearing: amendment: expiration: readoption</u>

- A. The board shall adopt a comprehensive plan and subsequently amend or extend the adopted plan as provided by this article. On adoption or readoption, the plan, or any part of the plan, shall be the official guide for the development of the area of jurisdiction. Any change, amendment, extension or addition of the comprehensive plan may be made only pursuant to this chapter.
 - B. The board of supervisors shall:
- 1. Adopt written procedures to provide effective, early and continuous public participation in the development and major amendment of the comprehensive plan from all geographic, ethnic and economic areas of the county. The procedures shall provide for:
 - (a) The broad dissemination of proposals and alternatives.
 - (b) The opportunity for written comments.
 - (c) Public hearings after effective notice.
- (d) Open discussions, communications programs and information services.
 - (e) Consideration of public comments.
- 2. Consult with, advise and provide an opportunity for official comment by public officials and agencies, municipalities, school districts, associations of governments, public land management agencies, the military airport if the county's area of jurisdiction includes territory in the vicinity of a military airport or ancillary military facility as defined in section 28-8461, other appropriate government jurisdictions, public utility companies, civic, educational, professional and other organizations, property owners and citizens generally to secure the maximum coordination of plans and to indicate properly located sites for all public purposes on the plan.
- C. The commission shall confer with the state land department and the governing bodies and planning commissions of cities and towns in the county for the purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the county, of zoning districts, of urban growth and of public improvements and utilities that do not begin and terminate within the boundaries of any single city or town and that will, pursuant to the present and future needs of the county, best promote with efficiency and economy the health, safety, morals, order, convenience or general welfare of the public.
- D. The commission shall coordinate the production of the comprehensive plan with the creation of the conceptual state land use plans under title 37, chapter 2, article 5.1. The commission shall cooperate with the state land department regarding integrating the conceptual state land use plans into the comprehensive plan.

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- E. The commission may formulate and draft the comprehensive plan as a whole, or AS separate parts of the plan corresponding with functional divisions of the subject matter, and, subject to the limitations of this chapter, may amend, extend or add to the comprehensive plan.
- F. At least sixty days before the comprehensive plan or an element or major amendment of a comprehensive plan is noticed pursuant to subsection G of this section, the commission shall transmit the proposal to the board of supervisors and submit a copy for review and further comment to:
 - 1. Each municipality in the county.
 - 2. Each other county that is contiguous to the county.
 - 3. The regional planning agency in the county.
- 4. The department of commerce or any other state agency that is subsequently designated as the general planning agency for this state.
- 5. The department of water resources for review and comment on the water resources element, if a water resources element is required.
- 6. If the comprehensive plan or an element or amendment of the comprehensive plan is applicable to territory in the vicinity of a military airport or ancillary military facility as defined in section 28-8461, the military airport.
- 7. If the comprehensive plan or an element or major amendment of the comprehensive plan is applicable to property in the high noise or accident potential zone of a military airport or ancillary military facility as defined in section 28-8461, the attorney general. For the purposes of this paragraph, "major amendment" means a substantial alteration of the county's land use mixture or balance as established in the county's existing comprehensive plan land use element for that area of the county.
- 8. Any person or entity that requests in writing to receive a review copy of the proposal.
- G. After considering any recommendations from the review required under subsection F of this section, the commission shall hold at least one public hearing. Notice of the time and place of a hearing and availability of studies and summaries related to the hearing shall be given at least fifteen and not more than thirty calendar days before the hearing by:
- 1. Publication at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county seat.
- 2. Publication at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the area to be affected, or adjacent to the area to be affected, if the area affected is other than the county seat.
- 3. Such other manner in addition to publication as the county may deem necessary or desirable.
- H. After the commission recommends the comprehensive plan or any section of the plan, the plan shall be submitted to the board of supervisors for its consideration and official action.

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- I. Before the adoption, amendment or extension of the plan, the board shall hold at least one public hearing on the plan. After the board considers the commission's recommendation and any recommendations from the review required under subsection F of this section, the board shall hold at least one public hearing at which residents of the county shall be heard concerning the matters contained in the plan. At least fifteen days' notice of the hearing shall be given by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county seat. The board shall consider protests and objections to the plan and may change or alter any portion of the comprehensive plan. However, before any change is made, that portion of the plan proposed to be changed shall be re-referred to the commission for its recommendation, which may be accepted or rejected by the board.
- J. The board of supervisors may adopt the county comprehensive plan as a whole or by successive actions adopt separate parts of the plan. adoption or readoption of the comprehensive plan or any amendment to the plan shall be by resolution of the board. The adoption or readoption of, or a major amendment to, the county comprehensive plan shall be approved by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the board. major amendments proposed for adoption to the comprehensive plan by the board shall be presented at a single public hearing during the calendar year the proposal is made. The adoption or readoption of the comprehensive plan, and any major amendment to the comprehensive plan, shall not be enacted as an emergency measure and is subject to referendum as provided by article IV, part 1, section 1, subsection (8), Constitution of Arizona, and title 19, chapter 1, article 4. For the purposes of this section, "major amendment" means a substantial alteration of the county's land use mixture or balance as established in the county's existing comprehensive plan land use element for that area of the county. The county's comprehensive plan shall define the criteria to determine if a proposed amendment to the comprehensive plan effects a substantial alteration of the county's land use mixture or balance as established in the county's existing comprehensive plan land use element for that area of the county.
- K. If the county's area of jurisdiction includes property in the high noise or accident potential zone of a military airport or ancillary military facility as defined in section 28-8461, the board shall send notice of the approval, adoption or readoption of the comprehensive plan or major amendment to the comprehensive plan to the attorney general by certified mail, return receipt requested, within three business days after the approval, adoption or readoption. If the attorney general determines the approval, adoption or readoption of the comprehensive plan or major amendment to the comprehensive plan is not in compliance with section 28-8481, subsection J, the attorney general shall notify the county by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the determination of noncompliance. The board shall receive the notice from the attorney general within twenty-five days after the notice from the board to the attorney general is mailed pursuant to this subsection. The

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effective date of any approval, adoption or readoption of, or major amendment to, the comprehensive plan shall be thirty days after the board's receipt of the attorney general's determination of noncompliance. Within thirty days after the receipt of a determination of noncompliance by the attorney general as prescribed by this section, the board shall reconsider any approval, adoption or readoption of, or major amendment to, the comprehensive plan that impacts property in the high noise or accident potential zone of a military airport or ancillary military facility as defined in section 28-8461. If the board reaffirms a prior action subject to an attorney general's determination of noncompliance pursuant to this section, the attorney general may institute a civil action pursuant to section 28-8481, subsection L. If the board timely sends notice pursuant to this subsection and the attorney general fails to timely notify the board of a determination of noncompliance, the comprehensive plan or major amendment to the comprehensive plan is deemed to comply with section 28-8481, subsection J. For the purposes of this subsection "major amendment" has the same meaning prescribed in subsection J of this section.

- L. If the motion to adopt or readopt the plan or an amendment to the plan fails to pass, the board may reconsider the motion in any manner allowed by the board's rules of procedure, but any subsequent motion for the adoption or readoption of the plan or a major amendment to the plan must be approved by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the board. If the board fails to adopt or readopt the plan, the current plan remains in effect until a new plan is adopted. The board shall either reconsider the proposed plan or consider a revised plan within one year and shall continue to do so until one is adopted. All subsequent considerations of a new or revised plan must comply with the procedures prescribed by this article.
- M. A county comprehensive plan, with any amendments, is effective for up to ten years from the date the plan was initially adopted or until the plan is readopted or a new plan is adopted pursuant to this subsection and becomes effective. On or before the tenth anniversary of the plan's most recent adoption, the board shall either readopt the existing plan for an additional term of up to ten years or shall adopt a new comprehensive plan as provided by this article.
- N. A PERSON, AFTER HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION I OF THIS SECTION, MAY FILE A PETITION FOR SPECIAL ACTION IN SUPERIOR COURT TO REVIEW THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S DECISION THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE MANDATORY REQUIREMENT PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 11-804, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 1, SUBDIVISION (e) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE BOARD HAS RENDERED ITS DECISION. THE COURT MAY AFFIRM, MODIFY OR REVERSE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, THE DECISION REVIEWED.

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Sec. 9. Title 11, chapter 6, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by Laws 2010, chapter 244, section 7, is amended by adding section 11-809, to read:

11-809. <u>Public works project planning: public service</u> corporation input; definition

- A. A COUNTY IN THE DESIGN PHASE OF A PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT SHALL INCLUDE ALL PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS THAT ARE AFFECTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT IN THE DESIGN PHASE PROCESS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT IN ORDER TO BOTH:
- 1. ELIMINATE OR MINIMIZE RELOCATION COSTS OF AERIAL, SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES FOR THOSE PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS.
- 2. MINIMIZE THE NEED FOR CONSTRUCTION OR CHANGE OF FACILITIES AFTER COMPLETION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT.
- B. THIS SECTION DOES NOT ALTER THE COUNTY'S DUTY TO PAY FOR THE AFFECTED PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION'S RELOCATION COSTS PURSUANT TO STATUTE.
- C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 12-1141.
- Sec. 10. Title 11, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding chapter 11, to read:

CHAPTER 11

COUNTY REGULATIONS ON BUSINESSES ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

11-1601. Definitions

IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

- 1. "LICENSE" INCLUDES THE WHOLE OR PART OF ANY COUNTY PERMIT, CERTIFICATE, APPROVAL, REGISTRATION, CHARTER OR SIMILAR FORM OF PERMISSION REQUIRED BY LAW.
- 2. "LICENSING" INCLUDES THE COUNTY PROCESS RESPECTING THE GRANT, DENIAL, RENEWAL, REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, ANNULMENT, WITHDRAWAL OR AMENDMENT OF A LICENSE.
- 3. "PERSON" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISION OR UNIT OF A GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISION, OR A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATION OF ANY CHARACTER.
- 4. "SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT" MEANS A WRITTEN EXPRESSION THAT IS ONLY ADVISORY AND THAT INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF A COUNTY'S CURRENT APPROACH TO, OR OPINION OF, THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCES OR CODES, INCLUDING, WHERE APPROPRIATE, THE COUNTY'S CURRENT PRACTICE, PROCEDURE OR METHOD OF ACTION BASED ON THAT APPROACH OR OPINION. A SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE INTERNAL PROCEDURAL DOCUMENTS THAT ONLY AFFECT THE INTERNAL PROCEDURES OF THE COUNTY AND DO NOT IMPOSE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OR PENALTIES ON REGULATED PARTIES OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.
 - 11-1602. Regulatory bill of rights
 - A. TO ENSURE FAIR AND OPEN REGULATION BY COUNTIES, A PERSON:

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- 1. IS ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES IF THE PERSON PREVAILS BY ADJUDICATION ON THE MERITS AGAINST A COUNTY IN A COURT PROCEEDING REGARDING A COUNTY DECISION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 12-348.
- 2. IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND NOTICE REGARDING INSPECTIONS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 11-1603.
- 3. IS ENTITLED TO HAVE A COUNTY NOT BASE A LICENSING DECISION IN WHOLE OR IN PART ON LICENSING CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 11-1604.
- 4. IS ENTITLED TO HAVE A COUNTY NOT ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OR CODE UNDER A SPECIFIC GRANT OF AUTHORITY THAT EXCEEDS THE SUBJECT MATTER AREAS LISTED IN THE SPECIFIC GRANT OF AUTHORITY OR NOT ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OR CODE UNDER A GENERAL GRANT OF AUTHORITY TO SUPPLEMENT A MORE SPECIFIC GRANT OF AUTHORITY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 11-1604.
- 5. MAY HAVE A COUNTY APPROVE OR DENY THE PERSON'S LICENSE APPLICATION WITHIN A PREDETERMINED PERIOD OF TIME AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 11-1605.
- 6. IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE WRITTEN NOTICE FROM A COUNTY ON DENIAL OF A LICENSE APPLICATION:
- (a) THAT JUSTIFIES THE DENIAL WITH REFERENCES TO THE ORDINANCE, CODE OR AUTHORIZED SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS ON WHICH THE DENIAL IS BASED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 11-1605.
- (b) THAT EXPLAINS THE APPLICANT'S RIGHT TO APPEAL THE DENIAL AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 11-1605.
- 7. IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE LICENSE APPLICATION PROCESS AT THE TIME THE PERSON OBTAINS AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 11-1606.
- 8. MAY INSPECT ALL ORDINANCES AND SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS OF A COUNTY, INCLUDING A DIRECTORY OF DOCUMENTS, AT THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 11-1607.
- 9. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED, MAY EXPECT COUNTIES TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF OTHER LAWS THAT DO NOT ENHANCE REGULATORY CLARITY AND TO AVOID DUAL PERMITTING TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 11-1604.
- 10. MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCERNING AN ORDINANCE, CODE OR SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT THAT FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION.
 - 11-1603. <u>Inspections</u>; applicability
- A. A COUNTY INSPECTOR OR REGULATOR WHO ENTERS ANY PREMISES OF A REGULATED PERSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING AN INSPECTION SHALL:
 - 1. PRESENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION ON ENTRY OF THE PREMISES.
- 2. ON INITIATION OF THE INSPECTION, STATE THE PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION AND THE LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCTING THE INSPECTION.
 - 3. DISCLOSE ANY APPLICABLE INSPECTION FEES.
- 4. AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AN AUTHORIZED ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGULATED PERSON ACCOMPANY THE COUNTY INSPECTOR OR REGULATOR ON THE PREMISES, EXCEPT DURING CONFIDENTIAL INTERVIEWS.

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- 5. PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE RIGHT TO HAVE:
- (a) COPIES OF ANY ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS TAKEN BY THE COUNTY DURING THE INSPECTION IF THE COUNTY IS PERMITTED BY LAW TO TAKE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.
- (b) A SPLIT OF ANY SAMPLES TAKEN DURING THE INSPECTION IF THE SPLIT OF ANY SAMPLES WOULD NOT PROHIBIT AN ANALYSIS FROM BEING CONDUCTED OR RENDER AN ANALYSIS INCONCLUSIVE.
- (c) COPIES OF ANY ANALYSIS PERFORMED ON SAMPLES TAKEN DURING THE INSPECTION.
- 6. INFORM EACH PERSON WHOSE CONVERSATION WITH THE COUNTY INSPECTOR OR REGULATOR DURING THE INSPECTION IS TAPE RECORDED THAT THE CONVERSATION IS BEING TAPE RECORDED.
- 7. INFORM EACH PERSON INTERVIEWED DURING THE INSPECTION THAT STATEMENTS MADE BY THE PERSON MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE INSPECTION REPORT.
- B. ON INITIATION OF AN INSPECTION OF ANY PREMISES OF A REGULATED PERSON, A COUNTY INSPECTOR OR REGULATOR SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING IN WRITING:
 - 1. THE RIGHTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.
- 2. THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF A CONTACT PERSON AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING THE INSPECTION.
- 3. THE DUE PROCESS RIGHTS RELATING TO AN APPEAL OF A FINAL DECISION OF A COUNTY BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE INSPECTION, INCLUDING THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF A PERSON TO CONTACT WITHIN THE COUNTY AND ANY APPROPRIATE MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY OR STATE GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN.
- C. A COUNTY INSPECTOR OR REGULATOR SHALL OBTAIN THE SIGNATURE OF THE REGULATED PERSON OR ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGULATED PERSON ON THE WRITING PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION INDICATING THAT THE REGULATED PERSON OR ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGULATED PERSON HAS READ THE WRITING PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION AND IS NOTIFIED OF THE REGULATED PERSON'S OR ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGULATED PERSON'S INSPECTION AND DUE PROCESS RIGHTS. THE COUNTY SHALL MAINTAIN A COPY OF THIS SIGNATURE WITH THE INSPECTION REPORT AND SHALL LEAVE A COPY WITH THE REGULATED PERSON OR ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGULATED PERSON. IF A REGULATED PERSON OR ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGULATED PERSON IS NOT AT THE SITE OR REFUSES TO SIGN THE WRITING PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY INSPECTOR OR REGULATOR SHALL NOTE THAT FACT ON THE WRITING PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION B
- D. A COUNTY THAT CONDUCTS AN INSPECTION SHALL GIVE A COPY OF THE INSPECTION REPORT TO THE REGULATED PERSON OR ON-SITE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGULATED PERSON EITHER:
 - 1. AT THE TIME OF THE INSPECTION.
- 2. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER STATE LAW, WITHIN THIRTY WORKING DAYS AFTER THE INSPECTION.
 - 3. AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW.
- E. THE INSPECTION REPORT SHALL CONTAIN DEFICIENCIES IDENTIFIED DURING AN INSPECTION. UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, THE COUNTY MAY PROVIDE THE

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REGULATED PERSON AN OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT THE DEFICIENCIES UNLESS THE COUNTY DETERMINES THAT THE DEFICIENCIES ARE:

- 1. COMMITTED INTENTIONALLY.
- 2. NOT CORRECTABLE WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY.
 - 3. EVIDENCE OF A PATTERN OF NONCOMPLIANCE.
- 4. A RISK TO ANY PERSON, THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OR THE ENVIRONMENT.
- F. IF THE COUNTY ALLOWS THE REGULATED PERSON AN OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT THE DEFICIENCIES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION E OF THIS SECTION, THE REGULATED PERSON SHALL NOTIFY THE COUNTY WHEN THE DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION FROM THE REGULATED PERSON THAT THE DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED, THE COUNTY SHALL DETERMINE IF THE REGULATED PERSON IS IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE AND NOTIFY THE REGULATED PERSON WHETHER OR NOT THE REGULATED PERSON IS IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE. IF THE REGULATED PERSON FAILS TO CORRECT THE DEFICIENCIES OR THE COUNTY DETERMINES THE DEFICIENCIES HAVE NOT BEEN CORRECTED WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME, THE COUNTY MAY TAKE ANY ENFORCEMENT ACTION AUTHORIZED BY LAW FOR THE DEFICIENCIES.
- G. A COUNTY DECISION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION E OR F OF THIS SECTION IS NOT AN APPEALABLE COUNTY ACTION.
- H. AT LEAST ONCE EVERY MONTH AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE INSPECTION A COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE A REGULATED PERSON WITH AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF ANY COUNTY ACTION RESULTING FROM AN INSPECTION OF THE REGULATED PERSON. A COUNTY IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE AFTER THE REGULATED PERSON IS NOTIFIED THAT NO COUNTY ACTION WILL RESULT FROM THE COUNTY'S INSPECTION OR AFTER THE COMPLETION OF COUNTY ACTION RESULTING FROM THE COUNTY'S INSPECTION.
- I. THIS SECTION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE AN INSPECTION OR ANY OTHER ACT THAT IS NOT OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY LAW.
- J. THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO INSPECTIONS NECESSARY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE OR TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY:
- 1. TO CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS, INVESTIGATIONS UNDER TRIBAL-STATE GAMING COMPACTS AND UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATIONS THAT ARE GENERALLY OR SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY LAW.
- 2. IF THE INSPECTOR OR REGULATOR HAS REASONABLE SUSPICION TO BELIEVE THAT THE REGULATED PERSON MAY BE ENGAGED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.
- 3. TO THE ARIZONA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 41-1821.
- K. IF AN INSPECTOR OR REGULATOR GATHERS EVIDENCE IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE VIOLATION SHALL NOT BE A BASIS TO EXCLUDE THE EVIDENCE IN A CIVIL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING, IF THE PENALTY SOUGHT IS THE DENIAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE REGULATED PERSON'S LICENSE OR A CIVIL PENALTY OF MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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- L. FAILURE OF A COUNTY, BOARD OR COMMISSION EMPLOYEE TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION:
 - 1. CONSTITUTES CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION OR DISMISSAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-770.
 - 2. SHALL BE CONSIDERED BY THE JUDGE AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AS GROUNDS FOR REDUCTION OF ANY FINE OR CIVIL PENALTY.
 - M. A COUNTY MAY ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 5 OF THIS SECTION.
 - N. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE USED TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING.

11-1604. Prohibited acts by county

- A. A COUNTY SHALL NOT BASE A LICENSING DECISION IN WHOLE OR IN PART ON A LICENSING REQUIREMENT OR CONDITION THAT IS NOT SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE, RULE, ORDINANCE OR CODE. A GENERAL GRANT OF AUTHORITY DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A BASIS FOR IMPOSING A LICENSING REQUIREMENT OR CONDITION UNLESS THE AUTHORITY SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZES THE REQUIREMENT OR CONDITION.
 - B. A COUNTY SHALL NOT:
- 1. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OR CODE UNDER A SPECIFIC GRANT OF AUTHORITY THAT EXCEEDS THE SUBJECT MATTER AREAS LISTED IN THE SPECIFIC GRANT OF AUTHORITY.
- 2. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OR CODE UNDER A GENERAL GRANT OF AUTHORITY TO SUPPLEMENT A MORE SPECIFIC GRANT OF AUTHORITY.
- C. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED, A COUNTY SHALL AVOID DUPLICATION OF OTHER LAWS THAT DO NOT ENHANCE REGULATORY CLARITY AND SHALL AVOID DUAL PERMITTING TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE.
- D. THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT COUNTY FLEXIBILITY TO ISSUE LICENSES OR ADOPT ORDINANCES OR CODES.

11-1605. <u>Licensing time frames: compliance: consequence for</u> failure to comply with time frame; exemption

- A. FOR ANY NEW ORDINANCE OR CODE REQUIRING A LICENSE, A COUNTY SHALL HAVE IN PLACE AN OVERALL TIME FRAME DURING WHICH THE COUNTY WILL EITHER GRANT OR DENY EACH TYPE OF LICENSE THAT IT ISSUES. THE OVERALL TIME FRAME FOR EACH TYPE OF LICENSE SHALL STATE SEPARATELY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS REVIEW TIME FRAME AND THE SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW TIME FRAME.
- B. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2012, A COUNTY THAT ISSUES LICENSES REQUIRED UNDER EXISTING ORDINANCES OR CODES SHALL HAVE IN PLACE AN OVERALL TIME FRAME DURING WHICH THE COUNTY WILL EITHER GRANT OR DENY EACH TYPE OF LICENSE THAT IT ISSUES. THE OVERALL TIME FRAME FOR EACH TYPE OF LICENSE SHALL STATE SEPARATELY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS REVIEW TIME FRAME AND THE SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW TIME FRAME. COUNTIES SHALL PRIORITIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TIME FRAMES FOR THOSE LICENSES THAT HAVE THE GREATEST IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC.
- C. IN ESTABLISHING TIME FRAMES, COUNTIES SHALL CONSIDER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - 1. THE COMPLEXITY OF THE LICENSING SUBJECT MATTER.
 - 2. THE RESOURCES OF THE COUNTY.

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- 3. THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF DELAY ON THE REGULATED COMMUNITY.
- 4. THE IMPACT OF THE LICENSING DECISION ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.
- 5. THE POSSIBLE USE OF VOLUNTEERS WITH EXPERTISE IN THE SUBJECT MATTER AREA.
- 6. THE POSSIBLE INCREASED USE OF GENERAL LICENSES FOR SIMILAR TYPES OF LICENSED BUSINESSES OR FACILITIES.
- 7. THE POSSIBLE INCREASED COOPERATION BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE REGULATED COMMUNITY.
- 8. INCREASED COUNTY FLEXIBILITY IN STRUCTURING THE LICENSING PROCESS AND PERSONNEL.
- D. A COUNTY SHALL ISSUE A WRITTEN NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS OR DEFICIENCIES TO AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS REVIEW TIME FRAME.
- E. IF A COUNTY DETERMINES THAT AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE IS NOT ADMINISTRATIVELY COMPLETE, THE COUNTY SHALL INCLUDE A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF THE SPECIFIC DEFICIENCIES IN THE WRITTEN NOTICE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION D. IF THE COUNTY ISSUES A WRITTEN NOTICE OF DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS TIME FRAME, THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS REVIEW TIME FRAME AND THE OVERALL TIME FRAME ARE SUSPENDED FROM THE DATE THE NOTICE IS ISSUED UNTIL THE DATE THAT THE COUNTY RECEIVES THE MISSING INFORMATION FROM THE APPLICANT.
- F. IF A COUNTY DOES NOT ISSUE A WRITTEN NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS OR DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS REVIEW TIME FRAME, THE APPLICATION IS DEEMED ADMINISTRATIVELY COMPLETE. IF A COUNTY ISSUES A TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE OF DEFICIENCIES, AN APPLICATION SHALL NOT BE COMPLETE UNTIL ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY.
- G. DURING THE SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW TIME FRAME, A COUNTY MAY MAKE ONE COMPREHENSIVE WRITTEN REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THE COUNTY AND APPLICANT MAY MUTUALLY AGREE IN WRITING TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. IF A COUNTY ISSUES A COMPREHENSIVE WRITTEN REQUEST OR A SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST BY MUTUAL WRITTEN AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, THE SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW TIME FRAME AND THE OVERALL TIME FRAME ARE SUSPENDED FROM THE DATE THE REQUEST IS ISSUED UNTIL THE DATE THAT THE COUNTY RECEIVES THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE APPLICANT.
- H. BY MUTUAL WRITTEN AGREEMENT, A COUNTY AND AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE MAY EXTEND THE SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW TIME FRAME AND THE OVERALL TIME FRAME. AN EXTENSION OF THE SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW TIME FRAME AND THE OVERALL TIME FRAME MAY NOT EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THE OVERALL TIME FRAME.
- I. UNLESS A COUNTY AND AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE MUTUALLY AGREE TO EXTEND THE SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW TIME FRAME AND THE OVERALL TIME FRAME PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION H, A COUNTY SHALL ISSUE A WRITTEN NOTICE GRANTING OR DENYING A LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT. IF A COUNTY DENIES AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE, THE COUNTY SHALL INCLUDE IN THE WRITTEN NOTICE AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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- 1. JUSTIFICATION FOR THE DENIAL WITH REFERENCES TO THE STATUTES OR ORDINANCES ON WHICH THE DENIAL IS BASED.
- 2. AN EXPLANATION OF THE APPLICANT'S RIGHT TO APPEAL THE DENIAL. THE EXPLANATION SHALL INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF DAYS IN WHICH THE APPLICANT MUST FILE A PROTEST CHALLENGING THE DENIAL AND THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF A COUNTY CONTACT PERSON WHO CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPEALS PROCESS.
- J. IF A COUNTY DOES NOT ISSUE TO THE APPLICANT THE WRITTEN NOTICE GRANTING OR DENYING A LICENSE WITHIN THE OVERALL TIME FRAME OR WITHIN THE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON TIME FRAME EXTENSION, THE COUNTY SHALL REFUND TO THE APPLICANT ALL FEES CHARGED FOR REVIEWING AND ACTING ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE LICENSE AND SHALL EXCUSE PAYMENT OF ANY FEES THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN PAID. THE COUNTY SHALL NOT REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A REFUND PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION. THE REFUND SHALL BE MADE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE OVERALL TIME FRAME OR THE TIME FRAME EXTENSION. THE COUNTY SHALL CONTINUE TO PROCESS THE APPLICATION. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER STATUTE, THE COUNTY SHALL MAKE THE REFUND FROM THE FUND IN WHICH THE APPLICATION FEES WERE ORIGINALLY DEPOSITED.
- K. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO LICENSES ISSUED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF INITIAL APPLICATION.

11-1606. <u>License application process</u>

A COUNTY THAT ISSUES LICENSES SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO AN APPLICANT AT THE TIME THE APPLICANT OBTAINS AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE:

- 1. A LIST OF ALL OF THE STEPS THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO TAKE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE LICENSE.
 - 2. THE APPLICABLE LICENSING TIME FRAMES.
- 3. THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF A COUNTY CONTACT PERSON WHO CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS OR PROVIDE ASSISTANCE THROUGHOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

11-1607. <u>Directory of documents</u>

THE COUNTY SHALL PUBLISH, OR PROMINENTLY PLACE ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE, AT LEAST ANNUALLY A DIRECTORY SUMMARIZING THE SUBJECT MATTER OF ALL CURRENTLY APPLICABLE ORDINANCES, CODES AND SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS. THE COUNTY SHALL KEEP COPIES OF THIS DIRECTORY AND ALL SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS AT ONE LOCATION. THE DIRECTORY, ORDINANCES, CODES, SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS AND ANY MATERIALS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THESE DOCUMENTS SHALL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY.

11-1608. Complaints; board of supervisor review

A. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHALL RECEIVE COMPLAINTS CONCERNING ORDINANCES, CODES, SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS OR COUNTY PRACTICES ALLEGED TO VIOLATE THIS ARTICLE. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY REVIEW ANY ORDINANCE, CODE, SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT OR COUNTY PRACTICE ALLEGED TO VIOLATE THIS ARTICLE AND MAY HOLD HEARINGS REGARDING THE ALLEGATIONS. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY RECOMMEND ACTIONS TO ALLEVIATE THE ASPECTS OF THE ORDINANCES, CODES, SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS OR COUNTY PRACTICES ALLEGED TO VIOLATE THIS ARTICLE.

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Sec. 11. Section 12-348, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

12-348. Award of fees and other expenses against the state or a

city, town or county; reduction or denial of award:

application; basis for amount of award; source of

award; definitions

- A. In addition to any costs which THAT are awarded as prescribed by statute, a court shall award fees and other expenses to any party other than this state or a city, town or county which THAT prevails by an adjudication on the merits in any of the following:
- 1. A civil action brought by the state or a city, town or county against the party.
- 2. A court proceeding to review a state agency decision pursuant to chapter 7, article 6 of this title or any other statute authorizing judicial review of agency, CITY, TOWN OR COUNTY decisions.
 - 3. A proceeding pursuant to section 41-1034.
- 4. A special action proceeding brought by the party to challenge an action by the THIS state OR A CITY, TOWN OR COUNTY against the party.
- 5. An appeal by $\frac{\text{the}}{\text{the}}$ THIS state to a court of law from a decision of the personnel board under title 41, chapter 4, article 6.
- 6. A civil action brought by the party to challenge the seizure and sale of personal property by the THIS state or a city, town or county.
- B. In addition to any costs which THAT are awarded as prescribed by statute, a court may award fees and other expenses to any party, other than this state or a city, town or county, which THAT prevails by an adjudication on the merits in an action brought by the party against this state or a city, town or county challenging:
- 1. The assessment or collection of taxes or in an action brought by this state or a city, town or county against the party to enforce the assessment or collection of taxes.
 - 2. The adequacy or regularity of notice of delinquent taxes.
 - 3. The regularity of sales of property for delinquent taxes.
- C. The court in its discretion may deny the award provided for in this section or may reduce the award if it finds that any of the following applies:
- 1. During the course of the proceeding the prevailing party unduly and unreasonably protracted the final resolution of the matter.
- 2. The reason that the party other than the THIS state or a city, town or county has prevailed is an intervening change in the applicable law.
- 3. The prevailing party refused an offer of civil settlement which THAT was at least as favorable to the party as the relief ultimately granted.
- D. A party may apply pursuant to the applicable procedural rules for an award of attorney fees and other expenses authorized under this section and shall include as part of the application evidence of the party's eligibility for the award and the amount sought, including an itemized

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statement from the attorneys and experts stating the actual time expended in representing the party and the rate at which the fees were computed.

- E. The court shall base any award of fees as provided in this section on prevailing market rates for the kind and quality of the services furnished, except that:
- 1. An expert is not eligible for compensation at a rate in excess of the highest rate of compensation for experts paid by this state or a city, town or county.
- 2. Except for awards made pursuant to subsection B of this section, the award of attorney fees may not exceed the amount which THAT the prevailing party has paid or has agreed to pay the attorney or a maximum amount of seventy-five dollars per hour unless the court determines that an increase in the cost of living or a special factor, such as the limited availability of qualified attorneys for the proceeding involved, justifies a higher fee.
- 3. For awards made pursuant to subsection B of this section, the award of attorney fees may not exceed the amount $\frac{\text{which}}{\text{THAT}}$ the prevailing party has paid or agreed to pay the attorney or a maximum amount of one hundred seventy-five dollars per hour.
- 4. Except for awards made pursuant to subsection B of this section, an award of fees against a city, town or county as provided in this section shall not exceed ten thousand dollars.
- 5. For awards made pursuant to subsection B of this section, an award of fees against the THIS state or a city, town or county shall not exceed thirty thousand dollars for fees incurred at each level of judicial appeal.
- F. The particular state agency over which a party prevails shall pay the fees and expenses awarded as provided in this section from any monies appropriated to the agency for that purpose. If no agency is involved or if an agency fails or refuses to pay fees and other expenses within thirty days after demand by a person who has received an award pursuant to this section, and if no further review or appeals of the award are pending, the person may file a claim for the fees and other expenses with the department of administration, which shall pay the claim within thirty days, in the same manner as an uninsured property loss under title 41, chapter 3.1, article 1. If, at the time the agency failed or refused to pay the award, it had appropriated monies either designated or assignable for the purpose of paying awards, the legislature shall reduce the agency's operating appropriation for the following year by the amount of the award and shall appropriate the amount of the reduction to the department of administration as reimbursement for the loss.
- G. A city, town or county shall pay fees and expenses awarded as provided in this section within thirty days after demand by a party who has received an award if no further review or appeal of the award is pending.

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- H. This section does not:
- 1. Apply to an action arising from a proceeding before this state or a city, town or county in which the role of this state or a city, town or county was to determine the eligibility or entitlement of an individual to a monetary benefit or its equivalent, to adjudicate a dispute or issue between private parties or to establish or fix a rate.
- 2. Apply to proceedings brought by this state pursuant to title 13 or 28.
- 3. Entitle a party to obtain fees and other expenses incurred in making an application for an award pursuant to this section for fees and other expenses.
- 4. Apply to proceedings involving eminent domain, foreclosure, collection of judgment debts or proceedings in which the state or a city, town or county is a nominal party.
- 5. Personally obligate any officer or employee of this state or a city, town or county for the payment of an award entered under this section.
- 6. Apply, except as provided in subsection A, paragraph 5 of this section, to proceedings involving the personnel board under title 41, chapter 4, article 6.
- 7. Apply to proceedings brought by a city, town or county pursuant to title 13 or 28.
- 8. Apply to proceedings brought by a city, town or county on collection of taxes or pursuant to traffic ordinances or to criminal proceedings brought by a city, town or county on ordinances which contain a criminal penalty or fine for violations of those ordinances.
 - I. As used in FOR THE PURPOSES OF this section:
- 1. "Fees and other expenses" means the reasonable expenses of expert witnesses, the reasonable cost of any study, analysis, engineering report, test or project which the court finds to be directly related to and necessary for the presentation of the party's case and reasonable and necessary attorney fees, and in the case of an action to review an agency decision pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 2 of this section, all fees and other expenses that are incurred in the contested case proceedings in which the decision was rendered.
- 2. "Party" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association or public or private organization.
- 3. "State" means this state and any agency, officer, department, board or commission of this state.
- Sec. 12. Section 48-3603, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

48-3603. <u>Powers, duties and immunities of district and board;</u> <u>exemptions</u>

A. A county flood control district organized under this article is a political taxing subdivision of this state and has all the powers, privileges and immunities granted generally to municipal corporations by the

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constitution and laws of this state, including immunity of its property and bonds from taxation.

- B. The board of directors shall exercise all powers and duties in the acquisition and operation of the properties of the district and in carrying out its regulatory functions under this article as are ordinarily exercised by the governing body of a municipal corporation.
- C. A district organized under this article, acting through its board of directors, may:
- 1. Acquire by eminent domain, purchase, donation, dedication, exchange or other lawful means rights-of-way for and construct, operate and maintain flood control works and storm drainage facilities within or without the district for the benefit of the district.
- 2. Acquire by eminent domain, purchase, donation, dedication, exchange or other lawful means and dispose of by sale, exchange or other lawful means real and personal property within the boundaries of the district.
- 3. Contract and join with this state, the United States or any other flood control district or floodplain board, municipality, political subdivision, governmental agency, irrigation or agricultural improvement district, association, corporation or individual in acquiring, constructing, maintaining and operating flood control works, and regulating floodplains.
- 4. Enter into contracts of indemnity to indemnify this state, the United States or any other flood control district, municipality, political subdivision, governmental agency, irrigation or agricultural improvement district, association, corporation or individual against liability by virtue of injuries, losses or damages occurring through the use of their facilities, structures, streets, rights-of-way or properties in connection with the operation of a flood control district and the regulation of floodplains.
- 5. Acquire and maintain existing flood control and drainage facilities within the district for the benefit of the district if mutually agreeable to the owners of such facilities.
- 6. Acquire, convert and maintain surplus irrigation facilities as storm drainage facilities if mutually agreeable to owners of such facilities.
- 7. Construct, maintain and operate flood control and storm drainage facilities and regulate floodplains in the district by agreement with this state, counties, other municipal corporations, political subdivisions and other persons and reimburse such agencies or persons for the cost of the work.
- 8. On the dissolution of any other flood control district, assume the assets and obligations of the other district.
- 9. Enter into intergovernmental agreements with other public agencies pursuant to title 11, chapter 7, article 3 to carry out the objects and purposes of the district.
- 10. Apply for, obtain, expend and repay flood control loans pursuant to title 45, chapter 8, article 5.

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- 11. Apply to the director of water resources for alternative flood control assistance for flood control projects pursuant to section 45-1471, except that the director shall not grant any such assistance for any project unless the director has approved the project in advance of planning.
- 12. Sue and be sued, enter into contracts and generally do all things which may be necessary to construct, acquire and maintain facilities, operate the district and perform its regulatory functions and which are in the interests of the district.
- 13. Adopt such rules and bylaws for its orderly operation as it sees fit.
- 14. Appoint a chief engineer and general manager, who may be the county engineer.
- 15. Appoint a treasurer, who may be the county treasurer, an attorney, who may be the county attorney, and other employees it considers desirable and necessary to carry out the purposes of the district. Any other work required by the district may be performed by regular employees of the county on assignment by the board of supervisors, except that regular county employees shall not undertake construction projects with an estimated cost of five thousand dollars or more.
- 16. Allow variances from the terms or regulations adopted pursuant to this article to the extent permitted by section 48-3609, subsection B, paragraph 7 and if, owing to peculiar conditions, a strict interpretation would work an unnecessary hardship, if in granting the variance the general intent and purposes of this article and the regulations will be preserved.
- 17. Construct, operate and maintain artificial groundwater recharge facilities, and, if organized in a county having a population of more than five hundred thousand persons according to the most recent United States decennial census, underground storage and recovery facilities, if they have flood control benefits, and contract and join with the United States, this state and other governmental units for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining multipurpose groundwater recharge, underground storage and recovery and flood control facilities, except that a district shall not expend district funds for any underground storage and recovery facility that does not have flood control benefits.
- 18. Acquire real property by purchase, donation, dedication, exchange or other lawful means, except by eminent domain, in areas suitable for groundwater recharge projects.
- 19. Cooperate and join with other entities that engage in underground water storage and recovery projects under title 45, chapter 3, including multi-county water conservation districts and other political subdivisions.
- 20. Either alone, or by entering into any combination of contracts with this state, the United States, any other flood control district, a floodplain board, a municipality or other political subdivision, a government agency, an irrigation or agricultural improvement district or an association,

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corporation or individual, implement flood control enhancement solutions including:

- (a) Assistance for property owners within the floodplain and through the elevation, bank stabilization and flood proofing of existing structures.
 - (b) Preservation and restoration of the floodplain.
- (c) Maintenance of flood warning systems and associated flood response plans.
- 21. If a part of a parcel of land is to be taken for drainage, basins, impoundments or any other flood control related use and the board and the affected property owner determine that the remainder will be left in such a condition as to give rise to a claim or litigation concerning severance or other damage, acquire the whole parcel by purchase, donation, dedication, exchange, condemnation or other lawful means, and the remainder may be sold or exchanged for other properties needed for flood control use.
- 22. Adopt and enforce civil penalties for violations of its regulations or ordinances and for unauthorized damage and interference to those district facilities that are authorized pursuant to this chapter.
- 23. Pursuant to the authority prescribed in this chapter, appoint hearing officers to hear and determine actions.
- 24. For any district that intends to take enforcement action pursuant to section 48-3615.01, adopt written rules of procedure for the hearing and review of decisions on actions prescribed by this chapter.
- 25. Establish a board of hearing review to review decisions of hearing officers that are issued pursuant to section 48-3615.01. The board of hearing review shall consist of one member from each board of directors' district or the board of directors may authorize the citizens' flood control advisory board or the board of review to designate a like number of its members to serve as the board of hearing review.
- 26. Authorize the chief engineer of the district to apply for and obtain administrative search warrants for entry and inspection from a local court of general jurisdiction to determine if violations of section 48-3609, 48-3613, 48-3614 or 48-3615 have occurred. The warrants shall be served by a peace officer as defined in section 1-215. A report of any inspections made pursuant to this section shall be prepared and made available in the records of the district and a copy mailed or otherwise delivered to the owner within fifteen days after the inspection of the owner's premises.
- D. The board shall adopt and enforce floodplain regulations as provided in section 48-3609.
- E. The board may adopt a fee schedule for review of applications for permits and variances from or interpretations of the floodplain regulations.
- F. The affirmative vote of a majority of the board of directors is necessary to approve any measure. One member may adjourn any meeting at which a quorum is not present.
- G. The board shall keep a proper written record of all of its proceedings, which shall be open to public inspection.

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- $\mbox{\ensuremath{H.}}$ The accounts of the district are subject to annual and other audits as provided by law.
- I. Section 9-403 does not apply to a flood control district organized under this article and section 9-402 does not apply when the district is selling property to the state or a political subdivision. Before selling any property to the state or a political subdivision of the state, the flood control district shall obtain an appraisal of the fair market value of the property by a person who is certified pursuant to title 32, chapter 36. If any property sold by the district to the state or a political subdivision without complying with section 9-402 is subsequently sold by the state or political subdivision as undeveloped property for a price exceeding the original sale price, the district shall be paid the difference between the original price and the subsequent sale price. For the purposes of this subsection, "political subdivision" means any incorporated city or town, county, school district, charter school, community college or university.
- J. A DISTRICT THAT IS ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 11, CHAPTER 11.

Sec. 13. Effective dates

- A. Sections 11-801, 11-804 and 11-805, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by Laws 2010, chapter 244, section 7 and as amended by this act, and section 11-809, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, are effective from and after September 30, 2011.
- B. Sections 9-833 and 11-1603, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, are effective from and after December 31, 2011.

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