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## Overview

Requires a municipality or county (local government) to specify the criteria for granting a license or permit which is required for certain activities.

## <u>History</u>

A local government that issues licenses is required to provide to an applicant at the time the applicant obtains an application for a license the following information:

- 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;
- 4) The website address and any other information, if applicable, to allow the regulated person to use electronic communication with the municipality; and
- 5) Notice that an applicant may receive a clarification from the municipality of its interpretation or application of a statute, ordinance, code or authorized substantive policy statement (A.R.S. §§ 9-836 and 11-1606).

## **Provisions**

- 1. Directs a local government that requires a license or permit for constitutionally protected activities or activities that change the use, appearance or density of a structure or land to specify the criteria, in clear and unambiguous language, for granting such license or permit. (Sec. 1, 2)
- 2. Requires a local government, within 60 days of submittal, to grant or deny an application for the activities license or permit, unless another time frame is specified by an ordinance or state or federal law. (Sec. 1, 2)
- 3. Deems the application for the activities license or permit is granted if the local government fails to take action within the applicable time frame, unless the application is:
  - a) Incomplete:
  - b) The local government issues a notice relating to administrative completeness; and
  - c) The applicant fails to complete the application. (Sec. 1, 2)
- 4. Requires a court to determine if the application approval criteria language is clear and unambiguous in proceedings involving a denial of an activities license or permit. (Sec. 1, 2)

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