

REFERENCE TITLE: cities; towns; park rangers; appointment

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Introduced by
Senators Bolick: Carroll

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 9-500.03, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO MUNICIPAL POWERS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 9-500.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 9-500.03. Maintenance and protection of parks; park rangers;
5 definitions

6 A. A city or town may appoint park rangers.

7 B. A CITY OR TOWN WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE
8 THOUSAND PERSONS SHALL APPOINT AT LEAST ONE PARK RANGER FOR EVERY PARK
9 THAT IS MAINTAINED OR ADMINISTERED BY THE CITY OR TOWN AND THAT HAS AN
10 AREA OF TEN ACRES OR MORE.

11 C. A PARK RANGER WHO IS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS
12 SECTION SHALL BE AT THE PARK DURING THE PARK'S HOURS OF OPERATION AND
13 SHALL BE WITHIN VISUAL RANGE OF ANY PLAYGROUND FACILITIES WITHIN THE PARK.
14 IF THE PARK RANGER IS UNABLE TO BE WITHIN VISUAL RANGE OF PLAYGROUND
15 FACILITIES WITHIN THE PARK, THE CITY OR TOWN SHALL POST CONTACT
16 INFORMATION FOR THE PARK RANGER IN A CONSPICUOUS AREA AT OR NEAR THE
17 PLAYGROUND.

18 ~~B.~~ D. A park ranger may be empowered to issue citations for
19 violations of ordinances and park rules and regulations.

20 ~~C.~~ E. ~~Nothing in~~ This section ~~shall be construed to~~ DOES NOT grant
21 park rangers other powers or benefits to which peace officers are
22 entitled.

23 F. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

24 1. "PARK" MEANS ANY PROPERTY THAT INCLUDES GREEN AREAS, SPORTS
25 FIELDS OR PLAYGROUNDS AND THAT IS OPERATED BY A CITY OR TOWN.

26 2. "PLAYGROUND" MEANS ANY AREA WITH PLAY EQUIPMENT THAT IS
27 INSTALLED AND SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR USE BY CHILDREN.