

RESOLUTION NO. 25-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MARICOPA COUNTY TO FACILITATE AND INITIATE THE ANNEXATION OF THE MERIDIAN ROAD MARICOPA COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN ELLIOT ROAD AND RAY ROAD.

WHEREAS, ownership of Meridian Drive is been split between the City of Apache Junction ("Apache Junction"), the City of Mesa ("Mesa"), Pinal County, and Maricopa County; and

WHEREAS, this arrangement of split jurisdictions has resulted in complications with construction permits, review processes, law enforcement and road maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Apache Junction has identified a need to mitigate these issues and seeks annexation as a solution; and

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 9.471(O) states that a county right-of-way or roadway may be transferred to an adjacent city or town by mutual consent of the governing bodies of the county and city or town if the property transferred is adjacent to the receiving city or town and if the city, town and county each approve the proposed transfer as a published agenda item at a regular public meeting of their governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, public agencies are authorized, pursuant to A.R.S. § 11-951, *et seq.*, to enter into intergovernmental agreements for the provision of services or for joint or cooperative action; and

WHEREAS, Maricopa County and Apache Junction have prepared such an agreement to initiate and facilitate the annexation process item to be considered at an upcoming regular public meeting at each of their respective governing bodies, pursuant to A.R.S. § 9.471(O); and

WHEREAS, the Apache Junction city council has determined that entering into the intergovernmental agreement is in the community's best interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) The mayor and council hereby approve the attached form, set forth in Attachment A, of the intergovernmental agreement between Apache Junction and Maricopa County, and the mayor is hereby authorized to sign the agreement.
- 2) The city manager may delegate a designee to take all actions necessary to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

WALTER "CHIP" WILSON
Mayor

ATTEST:

EVIE MCKINNEY
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RICHARD JOEL STERN
City Attorney