

SPECIAL EVENT ORDINANCE AND PROCESS

PARKS & RECREATION

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WHY ARE SPECIAL EVENT ORDINANCES IMPORTANT?

- Public Safety
- Protect Public Spaces
- Enhance Event Quality and Organization
- Minimize Public Impact
- Reduce Risk and Liabilities
- Manage Traffic and Road Closures
- Clear and Consistent Process



OTHER CITIES WHO HAVE A SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS/ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE/PERMIT

- Avondale
- Buckeye
- Mesa
- Goodyear
- Marana
- Oro Valley
- Tempe
- Scottsdale
- Gilbert
- Chandler

PERMIT ONLY

- Casa Grande
- Maricopa
- Queen Creek- currently
working on ordinance



CURRENT ORDINANCE

The current ordinance lives under
Business license code.

ARTICLE 8-8: REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND CIVIC EVENTS



POTENTIAL CHANGES TO CITY CODE

1. Repeal and/or replace section 8-8 (Community & Civic Events)
2. Update section 8-10 (Mobile & Temporary Food & Beverage Vendors) to reflect current state laws
3. Create a Special Event section within Parks and Recreation Chapter 15 that addresses the city-wide special event permitting regulations
4. Possible other references to special events within the city code



NEXT STEPS

1. Receive Direction to Staff tonight
2. Bring back research and draft code changes to a future work session for council review/consideration
3. Future public hearing to adopt new/revised ordinances/code changes



RECOMMENDED DIRECTION TO STAFF

Staff to research and recommend changes/additions to the city code related to special event permitting and related regulations.



QUESTIONS?

