



City of Apache Junction

Home of the Superstition Mountains

DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2025
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
THROUGH: BRYANT POWELL, CITY MANAGER
FROM: LIZ LANGENBACH, DIRECTOR PARKS & RECREATION
SUBJECT: REPEAL AND REPLACE ARTICLE 8-8 OF THE CITY CODE

In May of 2025, staff shared market research on neighboring cities' special event policies and shared sections of the city code that have been identified for updates/additions. Council gave Direction to Staff to review the existing code and bring back recommended changes for consideration. Those changes were presented to council and discussed at a recent meeting.

Staff was asked to bring back the final changes to a public hearing. The intent will be to repeal Article 8-8 "Requirements for Community and Civic Events" and Replace with Article 8-8 "Special Events" in its entirety. The most significant changes include:

1. Shifts focus from business licensing to all aspects of special events
2. Simplifies and combines all processes for Community Events and Civic Events
3. Clarifies event definitions and exclusions
4. Eliminates some fees
5. Clarifies requirements for an event permit, and reinforces consequences for hosting an event that impacts city resources without permission

A public hearing will be held and should the council vote to move forward, the resulting ordinance and resolution will go into effect February 1, 2026.