

RESOLUTION NO. 20-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, FINDING AND DETERMINING CERTAIN FACTS AND ADOPTING THE 2020 GENERAL PLAN, AND SUBMITTING THE PLAN TO CITY VOTERS AT THE AUGUST 4, 2020 ELECTION FOR RATIFICATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Apache Junction ("City") is required to update its general plan in accordance with the goals and content requirements contained in Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 9-461.06 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the City's general plan shall consist of maps and statements of community goals and development policies with descriptive text covering the objectives, principles and standards used to develop the essential elements of the plan; and

WHEREAS, the City first adopted a general plan on July 20, 1982, updated it on June 16, 1987, again updated it on November 2, 1999, and lastly updated the currently in place general plan on September 7, 2010; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 9-461.06 and pertinent subsections thereunder, the city council has consulted with, advised and provided an opportunity for official comment by public officials, agencies, counties, appropriate school districts, associations of governments, public land management agencies, other appropriate government jurisdictions, public service corporations, civic, educational, professional and other organizations, together with property owners and citizens, and has located sites for public purposes on the proposed general plan; and

WHEREAS, the general plan proposed for adoption includes the following elements pursuant to A.R.S. § 9-461.06: land use, circulation, growth area, downtown, environmental planning, cost of development, recreation and open space, water resources, public services and facilities, housing, intergovernmental cooperation and economic development; and

WHEREAS, after a required sixty (60) day comment period passed, the City held two general plan public hearings before the planning and zoning commission in two different locations

with appropriate legal notice being given for each hearing on the proposed plan; and

WHEREAS, the planning and zoning commission recommended approval of the Apache Junction 2020 General Plan on January 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, after receiving such recommendation and with the appropriate legal notice being given, the city council held a public hearing on the proposed general plan on February 4, 2020.

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

Section 1: That the City desires to develop, adopt and implement a comprehensive long-range general plan to serve as a guideline for major land use and development issues.

Section 2: That the required legal notice for adoption of a new general plan has been provided at every step in the process.

Section 3: That the 14-month long effort to update the Apache Junction General Plan has included a series of public hearings and meetings, study sessions, community events, newsletters and surveys, all designed to solicit comments and opinions regarding the general plan, and the city council wishes to acknowledge this effort and to ratify the efforts by the planning and zoning commission.

Section 4: That the Apache Junction 2020 General Plan serves as a statement of community-wide vision to help guide the City and the community as a whole into the future, within a long-range perspective distinct from short-term market conditions or development trends.

Section 5: That the final draft of the Apache Junction 2020 General Plan dated February 4, 2020 is hereby adopted to replace the City's 2010 General Plan.

Section 6: That ratification of the 2020 General Plan be considered by City voters on August 4, 2020, at the next regularly scheduled municipal election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, THIS _____ DAY OF _____,
2020.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

JEFF SERDY
Mayor

ATTEST:

JENNIFER PEÑA
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RICHARD J. STERN
City Attorney