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self-certification program; administrative review

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HOUSE BILL 2447

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 9-500.49, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO MUNICIPAL
ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 9-500.49, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 9-500.49. Administrative review and approval;
5 self-certification program; expedited approval;
6 definitions

7 A. Notwithstanding any other law, the legislative body of a city or
8 town ~~may~~ SHALL by ordinance do the following:

9 1. Authorize administrative personnel to review and approve site
10 plans, development plans, land divisions, lot line adjustments, lot ties,
11 preliminary plats, final plats and plat amendments without a public
12 hearing.

13 2. Authorize administrative personnel to review and approve design
14 review plans based on objective standards without a public hearing.

15 ~~3. Adopt a self-certification program allowing registered~~
16 ~~architects and professional engineers to certify and be responsible for~~
17 ~~compliance with all applicable ordinances and construction standards for~~
18 ~~projects that the ordinance identifies as being qualified for~~
19 ~~self-certification.~~

20 ~~4.~~ 3. Allow at-risk submittals for certain on-site preliminary
21 grading and drainage work or infrastructure.

22 ~~5.~~ 4. Allow applicants with a history of compliance with building
23 codes and regulations to be eligible for expedited permit review.

24 B. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A CITY OR
25 TOWN MAY BY ORDINANCE ADOPT A SELF-CERTIFICATION PROGRAM ALLOWING
26 REGISTERED ARCHITECTS AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS TO CERTIFY AND BE
27 RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE ORDINANCES AND CONSTRUCTION
28 STANDARDS FOR PROJECTS THAT THE ORDINANCE IDENTIFIES AS BEING QUALIFIED
29 FOR SELF-CERTIFICATION.

30 ~~B.~~ C. Applications for a license pursuant to this section are
31 subject to chapter 7, article 4 of this title.

32 ~~C.~~ D. For the purposes of this section: ~~;~~

33 1. "LICENSE" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 9-831.

34 2. "Objective" means not influenced by personal interpretation,
35 taste or feelings of a municipal employee and verifiable by reference to
36 an adopted benchmark, standard or criterion available and knowable by the
37 applicant or proponent.

38 Sec. 2. Effective date

39 This act is effective from and after December 31, 2025.