- (a) Publication in a local newspaper distributed to residents living within the Town of Paradise Valley.
- (b) Posting at official Town posting locations.
- (c) Posting on the Town's web site.
- 4. After the citizen Review session, the Planning Commission may take all issues and concerns raised by landowners and other citizens potentially affected by the proposed text amendments at such session into account when it considers its recommendation to the Town Council on the proposed text amendment and shall, prior to the Council's public hearing on the proposed text amendment, report to the Council the issues and concerns raised during the citizen review input and discussion session.
- H. <u>Planning Agency.</u> Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute §9-461.01, the Community Development Department is hereby established as the Planning Agency for all purposes set forth in the Arizona Revised Statutes.
- I. Small Wireless Service Facilities Located in the Rights-Of-Way 2017-05 2018-01 2019-08 2019-09
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1. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish appropriate locations, site development standards, and permit requirements to allow for Small Wireless Facilities to be located in the rights-of-way as required by A.R.S. § 9-591 et. seq., subject to such small wireless facilities meeting the objective design standards and stealth and concealment requirements provided in this section. The approval and installation of Small Wireless Facilities are intended to be done in a manner which has been a successful design standard in place since 2010. The nature of residences, their scale (height and mass), their proximity to each other and the street, and the extensive

natural, informal landscaping all contribute to this distinctive character and require design standards and stealth and concealment requirements that will preserve the residential character of the Town while also providing design alternatives that will permit a quick and timely review of Small Wireless Facility applications consistent with the intent of A.R.S. § 9-592. Minimizing the adverse visual impact of these Small Wireless Facilities within the predominately residential areas of the Town is one of the primary objectives of this ordinance. The Town, its residents and some providing utilities have made significant investment in eliminating overhead utility lines in Paradise Valley. Protecting that investment is also consistent with this ordinance. Limitations on the height of antennas are intended to conform the antennas to the existing limitations on height of residential buildings in the Town. The ordinance is also intended to allow Small Wireless Facilities which are sufficient in location choices and height to provide adequate personal wireless service to citizens, resort guests, the traveling public, and others within the Town.

2. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Section, the following terms shall have the meanings prescribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

- a) "Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit" means the administrative permit approved by the Town for a Small Wireless Facility site.
- b) "Antenna" means communication equipment that transmits or receives electromagnetic radio frequency signals and that is used as part of a Small Wireless Facility;
- c) "Applicant" means a person or other entity who submits an application to the Town for an Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit for a Small Wireless Facility in the Town rights-of-way. A Permittee and the owner of the subject property (which may be through a master license agreement), and/or utility pole shall be an Applicant(s) or co-Applicant(s) on such application;
- d) "Application" means a complete submittal for an Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit on a form or set of forms prescribed by the Town that is deemed complete by the Town staff and contains all of the required submittals, studies, diagrams, photo simulations, and other documentation required pursuant to the checklists on the prescribed form(s) or in this Section.
- e) "Co-location" means the use of a single mount and/or site by more than one small wireless service provider;
- f) "Design" means the appearance of a Small Wireless Facility, including but not limited to its material, color or shape;
- g) "Equipment cabinet" means an enclosed box that is either located in a vault at or near the base of the SWF which contains, among other things, batteries and

- electrical equipment (hereinafter referred to as "equipment"). This equipment is connected to the antenna by underground cables.
- h) "Location" means property(ies) or site(s) where Small Wireless Facilities are located or could be located;
- i) "Modification" means any physical or operational change, alteration, or other modification of any of the following as they relate to a Small Wireless Facility or the subject property upon which it is located, including but not limited to:
 - i. The site plan;
 - ii. The sight line representation;
 - iii. The design submittal as required in this Section;

The conversion of a single-use Small Wireless Facility to a co-location is also considered a modification;

- j) "Monopole" means a type of mount that is self-supporting with a single shaft of steel or concrete or other acceptable material that is not more than forty inches in diameter at ground level and that has all of the small wireless facilities mounted on the pole or contained inside the pole;
- k) "Permittee" means an Applicant who has an approved Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit;
- "Small Wireless Facility" or "SWF" means any of several technologies using radio signals at various frequencies to send and receive voice, data or video to and from mobile transceivers; which are composed of a faux cactus that houses Antennas internally or a replacement Utility Pole that has Antennas that are no more than six cubic feet in volume, <u>AND</u> any of the following:
 - i. Equipment cabinet less than twenty-eight cubic feet in volume; or
 - ii. Underground vault for equipment; or
 - iii. Electric meter (where required by law); or
 - iv. Grounding Equipment and a power transfer switch
- m) "Small Wireless Services" means commercial mobile radio services, unlicensed wireless services and common carrier wireless exchange access services as defined in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and any amendments thereto, and any services that are provided to the public and that use licensed or unlicensed spectrum, whether at a fixed location or mobile and that use small wireless facilities;

- n) "Sight Line Representation" means a drawing in which a sight line is drawn from a street level view (viewpoint shall be approximately 4 feet above grade) within five hundred (500) feet of the SWF to the highest point (visible point) of the SWF. Each sight line shall be depicted in profile, drawn at one inch equals forty (40) feet unless otherwise specified by the Town. The profiles shall show all intervening trees and structures;
- o) "Site" means the subject property where a small wireless facility is located or proposed to be located.
- p) "Siting" means the method and form of placement of a small wireless facility on a specific area of a subject property pursuant to the provisions of this Section:
- q) "Subject Property" means all the specific rights-of-way upon which a small wireless facility is either proposed to be, or already is, developed, located, constructed or operated; and
- r) "Utility Pole" means a pole or similar structure that is used in whole or in part for communications services, electric distribution, lighting or traffic signals, but excludes a monopole.

3. General Requirements.

- a) In order to locate a SWF in the Town's rights-of-way, a Permittee must obtain or hold a Master License Agreement.
- b) No SWF may be developed, located, constructed or operated without an Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit. An Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit is also required for any modification to a SWF. The requirements to obtain an Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit are more fully described in subsection 10 below.
- c) The process for an Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit shall be:
 - i. Determination of a complete application by the Town Manager or designee. An application on a form prescribed by the Town shall be submitted (and the fee set forth in the Town of Paradise Valley Fee Schedule, as such may be amended from time to time, shall be paid) by the applicant at the time of submission of the application.
 - ii. Review of the proposed site by staff with a staff recommendation to Planning Commission regarding the proposed site or an alternate site within one hundred (100) feet that maintains the technical needs of the Applicant and blends with the existing built and natural environment.
 - iii. Review of the application by the staff to determine if the applicant is applying for compliance with the objective design standard, the alternate objective design standard or neither. An Applicant who chooses not to

comply with the objective design and concealment standards or the alternative provided for herein shall follow the requirements for a special use permit for a new utility pole under the provisions of Article XI of the Town Zoning Ordinance which shall be processed within one hundred eighty (180) days after the filing of a complete application for a special use permit. All applications for monopoles within the Town rights-of-way shall be excluded from the Application process for SWFs and shall instead be subject to Article XI of the Town Zoning Ordinance.

- iv. The Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit application shall be forwarded to the Planning Commission for a review of the siting and the site specific design; the Commission shall then hold a public meeting to take input from interested parties, including the notified property owners within five hundred feet of the selected site on matters pertaining to viewsheds, sightlines, blending of the site with existing built or natural environment, and compliance with the objective design standards or alternative objective design standard and any aesthetic concerns not otherwise addressed in the site specific design.
- v. The Commission shall either approve or deny an application within seventy-five (75) days of an Applicant having submitted a complete Application for a specific site; with any denials to specify the basis for the denial and specific parts of the Application that do not comply with the provisions of this Section. The Applicant may then seek to cure the deficiencies in the Application and resubmit the Application within thirty days of the denial. The Commission shall then meet and review the resubmittal within thirty days after having received the resubmittal to determine whether the deficiencies have been cured or not. If cured, the Commission shall approve the Application.
- d) The objective design standards for the Town that achieve reasonable stealth and concealment are:
 - i. Generally described as a twenty-four foot faux cactus; or
 - ii. An existing or replaced traffic signal pole or street light pole consistent with the specifications noted below;
 - iii. If no existing or replacement utility pole exists, the Applicant may request a new SWF through the Town's Special Use Permit process outlined in Article XI of the Town's Zoning Ordinance.
- 4. <u>Siting Standards</u>. The following siting criteria apply to consideration of an Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit for a SWF:
 - a) After an Applicant identifies an area to site a Small Wireless Facility, Town staff shall evaluate the area near the site with the Applicant to find the optimal location for the small wireless facility (said area to include the total area

within a one hundred foot radius of the Applicant's preferred site, provided that any staff-proposed alternate location does not substantially compromise the coverage and capacity of the proposed antenna), with initial siting to be objectively chosen based on the following criteria:

i. Safety.

- A. Sites should not be located within the Town's corner vision view triangle near street or driveway intersections so as to not be in areas where car accidents are more frequent, that is, near the intersection of streets:
- B. Sites should be spaced as far back from the sidewalk or street curb so as to not pose a hazard to bicyclists, pedestrians or vehicular traffic; and
- C. In order to maintain a safe "fall zone" a SWF shall be set back from existing habitable structures on private property by a distance equal to the height of the top of the antenna structure.

ii. Appearance.

- A. New SWFs shall be located in areas where they can blend into the existing built and natural environment, that is, in areas where existing trees and shrubs of size similar to the antenna height already exist and where the addition of the antenna to the built environment will least affect the view sheds from neighboring properties.
- B. Depending upon the degree to which the SWF "blends with" or "disturbs" the setting, the subject property and its character and use, or neighboring properties and their character and use, the Commission may request that additional landscaping be installed as part of the approval. The SWF landscaping may include trees, mature vegetation, natural features or hardscaping within the rights-of-way area surrounding the SWF.
- C. All equipment shall be located within the faux cactus structure to the greatest extent possible, and all other equipment shall be located underground or within a faux rock to the greatest extent possible. At no time is the "other equipment" to extend beyond the rights-of-way area.
- D. No signage shall be placed on a faux cactus.
- E. If equipment cabinets are deemed necessary by the Town, they shall be completely screened from view by a compatible wall, fence or landscaping consistent with the Town landscaping guidelines and consistent with this ordinance. Any utility meter

- associated with the SWF shall face away from the street or shall be camouflaged in some manner.
- F. To the extent allowed by law, the Commission shall consider the cumulative visual effects of SWFs and any mount, specifically their appearance or domination of the skyline, natural and structural features or terrain, in determining whether to approve an Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit, provided that in no case does this subsection allow the complete rejection of a site within the fifty (50) foot radius of the preferred site.
- iii. <u>Form</u>. The degree to which the shape of the SWF and any equipment shall relate to its surroundings.
- iv. <u>Color</u>. A SWF shall be in natural tones and a non-reflective color or color scheme appropriate to the background against which the SWF would be viewed from a majority of points within its viewshed. "Natural" tones are those reflected in the natural features and structural background against which the SWF is viewed from a majority of points within its viewshed. Final colors and color scheme must be approved by the Planning Commission.
- v. <u>Strength</u>. Any SWF shall be designed to withstand the requirements related to wind loads in the most current building code adopted by the Town.
- b) Subsequent to staff review and recommendation of a selected site, said site, along with the original proposed site by the Applicant if said site differs from staff recommendation, shall be forwarded to Planning Commission as part of the Commission's review of the Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit.
- 5. <u>Design Standards and Aesthetics Mandate the Use of "Faux Cactus" SWFs.</u> To maximize the concealment of SWFs, the first type of antenna and support structure to be considered shall be a faux cactus installation designed as follows:
 - Shall utilize the Larson Camouflage model LCA-0-24-24 fiberglass antenna structure or equivalent, maximum twenty four foot tall from the ground or base;
 - b) Shall contain standard details, such as dimensions, colors and materials, the same as those used for the existing faux cactus installation throughout the Town (please refer to standard details provided in the application);
 - c) Shall be designed to the greatest extent possible to look like part of the natural environment, thus they shall not be placed in existing concrete such as a sidewalk nor shall concrete be placed around the base of the facility except as needed to anchor and support the structural elements of the SWF, with such

- concrete anchor to be hidden by earth, rocks, decomposed granite and the planting of two (2) trees and three (3) shrubs near the base or alternate landscape as approved by the Town.
- d) All ground mounted equipment and connections shall be buried with the exception of the utility meter which shall face away from the street and the disconnect switch:
- 6. <u>Alternative Design Standards Utilizing an Existing Utility Pole.</u> An Applicant may propose the use of an existing Utility Pole SWF installation, for which the following design and concealment criteria shall be used:
 - a) If the selected Utility Pole is a traffic signal or street light, the existing traffic signal or street light shall be replaced with a new engineered street light or traffic signal pole design that has the appropriate structural support strength including any footing modifications to accommodate the height and weight of the antenna and equipment located within, or atop, the replacement pole;
 - b) The maximum height of the replacement pole shall not be more than six feet above the pre-existing height of the street light vertical pole or traffic signal vertical pole that it replaced (not including the mast arm);
 - c) All wiring associated with the SWF shall be contained within the replacement pole or underground;
 - d) All ground mounted equipment and connections shall be buried with the exception of the utility meter and the disconnect switch;
 - e) Shall contain standard details, such as dimensions, colors and materials, the same as those used for the existing 56th Street and Lincoln traffic signal installation that is consistent with the standard details in the application.
 - f) For all traffic signal installations as well as street light installations not along Scottsdale Road, all antennas and "pole-mounted" equipment shall be within a cylinder or container (or within the replacement pole) that is within two (2) inches of the width or diameter of the traffic signal or street light pole to which it is affixed, with said container diameter not to exceed twenty (20) inches. The only protrusions or extensions from the signal or street light pole shall be those that existed before the replacement pole, that is, in the case of traffic signals or street lights the mast arms or other supports for luminaires, street name signs, and traffic signals;
 - g) For street light installations in a series along Scottsdale Road, the replacement pole shall substantially match the existing pole in finish and color, diameter and taper, and have a luminaire arm that substantially matches the existing luminaire arm of the existing light pole. The application shall be considered in context with adjacent existing light poles to ensure consistency along the streetscape. All antennas and "pole-mounted" equipment shall be within a cylinder or container (or within the replacement pole) with said container not

exceeding twenty (20) inches in diameter, with a three hundred and sixty (360) degree shroud that tapers from the bottom of the container to the pole. The only protrusions or extensions from the pole shall be those that existed before the replacement pole, that is, in the case of street lights the mast arms or other supports for luminaires.

7. Radiofrequency (RF) Performance and Interference Standards and Monitoring.

- a) To the extent allowed by law, the following radiofrequency (RF) maximum permissible exposure standards apply to consideration of an Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit for a SWF, in addition to monitoring requirements as required in this Article:
 - i. All equipment proposed for a SWF shall meet the current FCC RF Guidelines and any amendments thereto (hereafter "FCC Guidelines");
 - ii. For SWFs attached to utility poles or any other structures not owned by the Applicant, graphically shall illustrate in three dimensions the worst case exposure levels that exceed FCC limits for service personnel accessing the area near the SWF exposure zones. If the graphic illustration exceeds the FCC exposure limit in any area accessible to workers who would work on maintenance or repair to the traffic signals, lights, or utility wiring on the utility pole, a narrative must be supplied containing all the information required to provide an RF Safety plan to protect workers from RF exposure above the FCC limits. Said illustrations shall be kept on file with Public Works.
- b) Within ninety (90) days after FCC issuance of an operational permit for the SWF the Permittee shall submit a written report providing existing measurements and worst case predictions of RF power density levels from the SWF for:
 - i. Existing SWF: Report the maximum RF power density levels (spatially averaged per FCC Guidelines) measured in the areas identified as readily accessible to the public or workers;
 - ii. Existing SWF plus cumulative: Maximum estimate of RF power density levels(spatially averaged per FCC Guidelines) measured in the SWF RF environment to be inclusive of any other significant contributors to the RF environment (i.e. co-located SWF). Definition of "Significant Contributors" to be any contributor >5% of the FCC Public limit at any measurement location;
 - iii. Certification signed by a competent person stating that RF radiation measurements are performed with properly calibrated test equipment and meet FCC Guidelines.
- c) If FCC Guidelines are changed during the period of any Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit for a SWF use, then the SWF shall be brought into compliance with such revised guidelines within the time period provided by

- the FCC; or if no time period is stated, then within sixty (60) days of the effective date of such guidelines.
- d) If at any time during the term of the permit the Town has reasonable evidence that the Permittee is not in compliance with FCC Guidelines, and the Town provides notice of such, the Permittee so notified shall provide to the Town, within thirty (30) days after such notice, an analysis and determination of its compliance with FCC guidelines showing the data collected and status pursuant to FCC Guidelines. If on review, the Town finds that the SWF does not meet FCC Guidelines, the Permittee shall immediately turn off the SWF and shall have sixty (60) days from the date of the Town's finding of noncompliance to bring the SWF into compliance. If compliance is not achieved in the sixty-day period, the Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit may be revoked or modified by the Town.
- e) The Permittee shall ensure that the SWF does not cause localized interference with the reception of other FCC licensed services. If on review the Town finds that the SWF interferes with such reception, and if such interference is not cured by the Permittee within sixty (60) days after notice from the Town, the Town may revoke or modify the Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit.

8. Noise and Environmental Standards.

- a) To the extent allowed by law, the following noise and environmental standards apply to consideration of an Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit for a SWF in addition to the monitoring requirements of this Article:
 - i. A SWF shall not generate noise in excess of the noise limits specified in Article 10-7 of the Town Code measured at ground level at the base of the facility closest to the antenna;
 - ii. If an environmental assessment is required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for any SWF prior to commencing operations the Applicant shall specify which of the following exist:
 - A. Wilderness area;
 - B. Wildlife preserve;
 - C. Endangered species;
 - D. Historical site;
 - E. Indian religious site;
 - F. FEMA designated flood plain;
 - G. Other

- iii. Where any of the above conditions exist, an environmental assessment which, at a minimum, conforms to FCC requirements shall be submitted to the Town for each SWF where any of the above exists, and when the FCC requires such an environmental assessment to be submitted to the FCC. If the Applicant has determined that an environmental assessment is not required pursuant to FCC rules, this Article and applicable state law and Town Code, a written certification to that effect must be submitted to the Town.
- 9. <u>Co-Location and Limitations</u>. Co-location of antennas and equipment is permitted and encouraged on approved SWFs. All proposed co-locators must also receive an Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit for the use at such site from the Town.

10. Submittal Requirements.

- a) In addition to the information requested in the Town's Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit application, the following items shall be required for a SWF application:
 - i. A master site plan showing the subject property and adjoining properties within one hundred (100) feet of the proposed SWF site including existing SWF, roads, sidewalks and driveways; all existing and proposed structures on the subject property and their purpose; the specific placement of the SWF antenna and equipment; fall zone; and all proposed changes to the existing site;
 - ii. A landscape plan showing the location of existing and proposed vegetation, trees and shrubs, identified by species and size of specimen in accordance with Town Landscape Guidelines. Said landscape plan shall be approved by the Planning Commission to ensure appropriate blending with the site:
 - iii. Photographs(or digital images), diagrams, photo simulations and sight line representations as listed below:
 - A. Aerial photograph showing SWF location;
 - B. Elevations of antenna and associated equipment;
 - C. Sight line representation;
 - D. Existing (before condition) photographs of what can currently be seen from any adjacent residential buildings or properties, private roads and rights-of-way adjacent to the site;
 - E. Photo simulations of the proposed facility from each adjacent residential properties or buildings, private roads and public rights-of-way adjacent to the site (after condition photographs). Such photo simulations shall include, but not be limited to, each of the

existing condition photographs with the proposed SWF superimposed on it to show what will be seen from residential buildings, properties, private roads and rights-of-way adjacent to the site at the adjacent properties' property line;

iv. Design submittals as follows:

- A. Equipment brochures for the SWF such as manufacturer's specifications or trade journal reprints;
- B. Materials of the SWF and faux cacti, replacement pole, faux rock, and camouflaged equipment shelter, if any, specified by generic type and specific treatment, such as painted fiberglass, anodized aluminum, stained wood, etc.;
- C. Colors represented by samples or a color board showing actual colors proposed;
- D. Dimensions of all equipment specified for all three dimensions: height, width and breadth;
- v. Evidence of permission to use utility pole by owner if SWF is to be located on an existing or replacement utility pole;
- vi. If the Applicant determines that an environmental assessment is not required, certification to that effect shall be provided. To the extent allowed by law, environmental submittals shall include an environmental assessment if required in the environmental standards section of this ordinance.
- b) The Town shall have twenty (20) days to deem the application complete. A complete application will have all submittals listed in this subsection and each submittal shall fulfill the stated requirements.

11. Permit Limitations and General Conditions.

- a) An Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit shall expire ten (10) years after the date of approval. A Permittee desiring to continue the use at the end of the ten-year period must apply for a renewal at least six months prior to its expiration. In ruling on the renewal the Planning Commission shall apply all then-existing regulations affecting the application.
- b) The Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit shall become null, void and non-renewable if the permitted facility is not constructed and placed into use within one hundred eighty days after the issuance date unless extended by agreement of the Town and the Applicant or a delay is caused by a lack of commercial power at the Site.
- c) The permit shall expire and the Permittee must remove the SWF and all associated equipment and wiring and restore the site to its original condition

leaving the approved landscaping if the license agreement with the Town expires or is void due to breach or other cause. A Permittee shall notify the Town in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to abandonment or discontinuance of operation of the SWF.

- d) If the Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit expires, terminates, is abandoned or revoked for any reason pursuant to this Article or the Town Code, if removal of the SWF is required in this Article, or if the use is discontinued pursuant to this Article, the SWF shall be removed as required by the terms of the License agreement between the Town and the Permittee. For purposes of this subsection, abandoned shall mean not in use for SWF functions for ninety (90) days.
- e) The Permittee shall maintain the SWF to standards that are imposed by the Town at the time of granting of a permit. Such maintenance shall include, but shall not be limited to, maintenance of the paint, structural integrity and landscaping. If the Permittee fails to maintain the facility, the Town may undertake the maintenance at the expense of the Permittee or terminate or revoke the permit, at its sole option. If such maintenance expense is not paid by the Permittee within thirty (30) days of notice by the Town, the Permittee agrees that the Town's costs shall constitute a lien upon any personal property of the Permittee installed with the Town's rights-of-way.
- f) An Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit granted to a Permittee is specific to the Permittee and may not be assigned, provided, however, that the Permittee may assign its interest in the permit to any subsidiary or other affiliate of the Permittee. In the event of such assignment, the assignee shall re-execute through Town Manager or designee the Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit and Master License Agreement within ninety (90) days of the effective date of the assignment or the permit shall automatically expire.
- g) Any violation of the terms of this Article or the Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit may result in revocation by the Town of the Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit. Acceptance of any portion of the Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit is acceptance of the entire Administrative Small Wireless Facility Permit and the terms of this Article.
- h) Within ninety (90) days after issuance of the FCC operational permit, the Permittee shall provide a copy of such permit to the Town and register the SWF, providing information and data as may be requested by the Town. Any change in the permit or registration data shall be filed with the Town within thirty (30) days after the change is made. The Permittee shall submit to the Town a copy of all current applicable FCC licenses by call sign prior to the Town's approval of final inspection of a building permit for the SWF or portion thereof.

12. Applicability.

The requirements of this ordinance apply to all new SWFs in the rights-of-way and modification of any existing SWFs.

J. General Plan Amendments ²⁰¹⁸⁻²⁰

- 1. General Legal Requirements: Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) §9-461.05(A) the Town is required to include provisions in the general plan that identify changes or modifications to the general plan that constitute amendments and major amendments to the Town's general plan. The Town's existing general plan (hereinafter "General Plan") states that the Town shall identify and implement a transparent application process for the consideration of General Plan amendments. The provisions set forth below satisfy the requirements of state law and the General Plan.
- 2. <u>Applicants</u>: The elements of the General Plan may be amended, supplemented or modified. Requests to amend the General Plan, whether major or minor, may be initiated by the Planning Commission, Town Council or the property owner of real property that is the subject of the application. The Zoning Administrator shall receive and process all General Plan amendment requests.
- 3. Major Amendments/Annual Deadline: A "Major General Plan Amendment" is any application that: a) proposes a change in the General Plan land use map that requests a "greater density classification" (as defined in the General Plan) for any property in the Town; or b) requests a change to the circulation map that would change a particular roadway to a "higher capacity classification" (as defined in the General Plan). An applicant may apply on an annual basis and be part of the annual process for the consideration of Major General Plan Amendments. The annual deadline for the filing an application for a Major General Plan Amendment is the fourth Thursday of May of each year.
- 4. <u>Minor Amendments/Deadline</u>: A "Minor General Plan Amendment" is any application to amend the General Plan that is not a Major General Plan Amendment. There is no formal deadline for a Minor General Plan Amendment, thus such applications may be filed at any time.
- 5. Required Hearings/Notices: All Major General Plan Amendments and all Minor General Plan Amendments shall receive a set of hearings first before the Planning Commission and then before Council (per ARS §9-461.06(E) and (G)). All Major General Plan amendment applications must be heard at a single public hearing in the calendar year in which the application is made (per ARS §9-461.06(H)). The Planning Commission