

TOWN OF COLORADO CITY, ARIZONA

**PUBLICITY PAMPHLET
AND TEXT OF BALLOT**

Proposals to be submitted to the qualified electors
of the Town of Colorado City at the

**GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 8, 2016**



To the voters of the Town of Colorado City,

The purpose of this publicity pamphlet is to provide you with information on the measure which will appear on the November 8, 2016, Primary Election ballot. Preparation of this pamphlet is required by State law. In compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act, this publicity pamphlet has been prepared in both English and Spanish. I urge you to carefully read the proposals contained within this pamphlet and the effect a "yes" or "no" vote will have, so you will be prepared to fully exercise your right to vote on November 8, 2016.

Sincerely,
Vance Barlow
Town Clerk

What is a General Plan?

A General Plan is a series of documents that shows future growth and development of a community. A General Plan shows land uses, roads, and parks in general terms. The Plan contains goals, objectives, and policies that are used to coordinate and implement land use decisions with other decisions about infrastructure, parks, recreation and open space, city services, housing supply and affordability, and environmental resources.

What is Not a General Plan?

The General Plan is not a plan to guide the operation or management of a City. The General Plan will not rezone property, increase tax rates, create improvement districts, affect the rates charged by private or public utility companies, or impact medical costs. More importantly, the General Plan will not automatically solve all of a community's problems or correct its past mistakes. The General Plan by itself does not initiate, fund or activate projects. There are many steps to go through before an improvement or project shown in the General Plan can become a reality. These steps include a very open process with public hearings before various appointed and elected boards and commissions.

Why did Colorado City have to update its 2002 General Plan?

In 1998 and 2000 the Arizona State legislature enacted several new regulations regarding municipal General Plans. These regulations are referred to as "Growing Smarter" and require most Arizona towns, including Colorado City, to prepare or update its General Plan every ten years.

What is the purpose of the Colorado City General Plan?

The General Plan is a road map for Colorado City's future growth and a long-term benefit to the community. The Plan provides a clear vision for Town decision-makers, residents and others working with the Town. It includes separate elements that, taken together, provide a blueprint for future growth, development and infrastructure that will enhance the quality of life of Colorado City residents and businesses. The objectives, policies and actions of the Plan will be carried forward as time, circumstances and resources allow.

How was the public involved in the development of Colorado City's General Plan?

Public meeting dates were announced throughout the process and a total of five meetings were held in 2015 and three in 2016. Colorado City promoted and actively involved residents, business owners and other stakeholders, including minority stakeholder groups, in stakeholder meetings to discuss planning of the community. The Town adopted goals and strategies to promote effective, early and continuous public participation in the development of the Plan and future Plan updates. To keep residents informed about the General Plan, the Town hosts a web site that includes links to the General Plan and the Land Use Map.

Who was involved in the development of the General Plan?

Throughout the General Plan update process, Town staff notified community stakeholder groups and the public about the General Plan. Town staff worked with a General Plan Advisory Committee throughout the process to guide the development of the General Plan, and public meetings were run as working

sessions where residents had an opportunity to discuss the issues important to them and how the City should address them. The Town Council and Planning Commission were also involved in the development of the plan.

How is the Plan organized?

The General Plan is organized into seven elements, which contain specific goals, objectives and policies that will be used to guide the City's future growth and development. Goals are defined as desired results and are broad in definition. An objective is a level of achievement or benchmark toward achieving a goal. Policies are decisions made in advance based on growth principles to help guide future decisions. All parts of the General Plan are related and should be collectively applied.

What do the colors and lines on the Land Use Map mean?

The colors on the Land Use Map stand for the different types of land uses. Tan, yellow, olive and brown represent various densities of residential uses. The darker the color the more homes per acre. Shades of red represent commercial uses and purple represents industrial uses. Green areas represent open space, agriculture, and parks. White lines identify roads

Can the General Plan ever change?

The "Growing Smarter" statutes require a General Plan to cover a period of ten years. As such, the Plan must address each of the elements as they relate to land use issues today and for the next ten years. The Plan is a living document and not cast in stone and can be amended on an annual basis. The amendment process includes notification of the property owners affected by the change, as well as public hearings before the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council.

I am a property owner. How does the Plan affect me?

The 2016 Colorado City General Plan shows land uses, roads, and parks in very general terms. The Plan is a road map for Colorado City's future growth and a long-term benefit to the community. Voter approval of The General Plan will not rezone your property, increase tax rates, create improvement districts, implement development projects, affect the rates charged by the private or public utility companies, or impact medical costs. Before an improvement or project shown in the General Plan can become a reality, there are many steps that must be completed. These steps may include a process with public hearings before various appointed and elected boards and commissions. During those steps you, as a property owner and resident of Colorado City, will have the opportunity to voice your opinions.

How can I look at the Plan for myself?

Copies of the General Plan are available at the Colorado City Town Hall. If you would like to review a copy of the 2016 General Plan, please contact the Planning and Zoning Division at 928-875-2153. The General Plan can also be viewed at <http://www.tocc.us/planning/>

If approved, when would the Plan take effect? What happens if voters do not approve this Plan?

The 2016 General Plan was tentatively adopted in June of 2016 by the Town Planning Commission and by the Town Council, and is currently in effect, pending approval or disapproval by the vote of the public. Voter approval at the November 2016 election would complete the adoption process, and if the plan is not approved, the 2002 General Plan would automatically remain in effect until a new Plan could be approved.

ARGUMENTS FOR PROPOSITION 408

No arguments were filed.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROPOSITION 408

No arguments were filed.

TEXT OF BALLOT

PROPOSITION 408

OFFICIAL TITLE

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

Shall the proposed Town of Colorado City 2016 General Plan, as adopted by the Town Council on June 21, 2016, be ratified and approved as the Town of Colorado City 2016 General Plan, such action to be valid for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the completion of the election?

A "YES" vote will have the effect of approving the Town's 2016 General Plan for a period of ten years following the election.

A "NO" vote will have the effect of keeping the current General Plan in effect until a new General Plan is presented and approved by the Town Council and the voters of the Town of Colorado City.

YES

NO

TOWN OF COLORADO CITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF COLORADO CITY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE CURRENT GENERAL PLAN ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION 2002-27 AND ADOPTING THE TOWN OF COLORADO CITY 2016 GENERAL PLAN; AND AUTHORIZING AN ELECTION TO RATIFY THE 2016 GENERAL PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Town has developed a comprehensive, long-range General Plan for the development of the Town in accordance with the requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 6, Section 9-461 et seq., and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2015, the Town Council approved wide-ranging procedures to promote effective, early, and continuous public participation in the development and amendment of the general plan; and legal notices were posted and advertised according to the requirements of ARS §9-461-06; and

WHEREAS, many meetings and opportunity for public, stakeholder, and agency comments has been conducted, including a duly advertised and noticed Planning Commission public hearing held on June 20, 2016 to review the proposed Town of Colorado City 2016 General Plan and public comments relating hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has unanimously recommended the adoption of the 2016 General Plan to the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposed Town of Colorado City 2016 General Plan and considering any public comment, stakeholder, and agency input, including a duly advertised and noticed public hearing before the Town Council on June 21, 2016, the Town Council believes that the adoption of the proposed General Plan is in the best interest of the Town and will promote health, safety and general welfare of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed the scope of the proposed 2016 General Plan and finds that the General Plan contains the elements required for an effective General Plan including: (1) a land use element, (2) circulation element, (3) economic development element, (4) housing element, (5) open space and recreation element, (6) growth areas element, (7) cost of development element, (8) water resources element, (9) environmental element, and (10) public services and facilities element, and other components designed to assist the Town with its comprehensive, long range planning; and

WHEREAS, ARS §9-461-06 requires that the proposed General Plan be submitted to the voters for ratification at an election held pursuant to ARS §16-204; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF COLORADO CITY, ARIZONA HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The document known as the “Town of Colorado City 2016 General Plan” as prepared by the Town Planning Department, that was reviewed and recommended for adoption by the Planning Commission in a public hearing that encouraged citizen input, is hereby adopted by the Town Council.

Section 2: The Town of Colorado City 2016 General Plan is designated a public record, one (1) copy of which shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk and one electronic copy maintained in compliance with A.R.S. 44-7041 and posted on the Town’s website for public review and inspection.

Section 3: In accordance with the Arizona Revised Statutes Section 9-461.06, the following ballot question shall be submitted to the voters of the Town of Colorado City at the November 8, 2016, General Election:

Shall the proposed Town of Colorado City 2016 General Plan, as adopted by the Town Council on June 21, 2016, be ratified and approved as the Town of Colorado City 2016 General Plan, such action to be valid for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the completion of the election?

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YES

NO

Section 4: Following the November 8, 2016 election, this matter shall come back to the Mayor and Town Council for a canvass of the votes concerning the 2016 General Plan and possible repeal of the former General Plan adopted by the Town in October, 2002.

Section 5: In the event that the voters of the Town of Colorado City approve the new General Plan as herein adopted by the Town Council, the 2002 General Plan shall automatically and immediately be repealed following the canvass of the vote of the November 8, 2016 election.

Section 6: A legislative pamphlet shall be prepared which shall give a general description of the proposed 2016 General Plan and its elements, as adopted; copies made available at the Town Hall, 25 South Central Street, and on the Town's website at www.tocc.us.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Colorado City, Arizona, this 21st day of June 2016.

/s/ Joseph Allred_____

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Vance Barlow_____

Town Clerk