

# PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

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**PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS SUPERSEDE ANY RESOLUTIONS OR POLICIES ADOPTED BY PREVIOUS BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS.

During the first meeting of the Board of Supervisors in January of each year, the Board of Supervisors shall, by majority vote, select the Chair, Vice Chair and Acting Chair. These officers of the Board shall serve until the first meeting in January of the subsequent year.

**A. Definitions**

1. Acting Chair: A Supervisor elected by the Board to act as the Chair in the absence or disability of both the Chair and the Vice-Chair.
2. Board: A Quorum or more of the duly elected Supervisors acting as a unit.
3. Chair: The Supervisor elected by the Board to preside over the Board.
4. Member: Individual duly elected or appointed Supervisor.
5. Quorum: The minimum number of persons required to act as the Board. A quorum of the five (5) member Board requires at least three (3) Supervisors. A.R.S. section 1-216(B).
6. Vice-Chair: A Supervisor elected by the Board to act as Chair in the absence or disability of the Chair.

**B. Chair**

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| <u>Presides</u>           | 1. The Chair presides at all meetings and hearings of the Board of Supervisors.             |
| <u>Vice-Chair</u>         | 2. The Vice-Chair presides in the absence or disability of the Chair.                       |
| <u>Acting Chair</u>       | 3. The Acting Chair presides in the absence or disability of both the Chair and Vice-Chair. |
| <u>Control of Chamber</u> | 4. The Chair controls the Board Chamber.  |

- Decides Points of Order 5. The Chair preserves order and decides all points of order and procedure, subject to appeal to membership. The Chair may vote on all matters except upon the Chair's own rulings.
- Motions 6. The Chair may make a motion or second any motion made by a member.
- Declare Votes 7. Motions may be determined by viva voce vote, or at the request of any member, by roll call. The Chair will declare all votes. If any member questions the vote, the Chair will order a roll call.
- Sign Documents 8. The Chair signs resolutions, ordinances, and other documents adopted or approved by the Board.
- Sergeant At Arms 9. The Chair will have the services of a Sergeant at Arms, as required, to preserve order and enforce the rules and orders of the Chair and Board of Supervisors. The Sargeant at Arms shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors and shall serve until his/her successor is appointed.

**C. Clerk of the Board**

- Prepares Agenda 1. The Clerk prepares the Board agenda and provides the agenda to the Members together with such other memoranda and communications as the Board directs.
- Attends Meetings 2. The Clerk or a Deputy will attend all meetings of the Board and attest all instruments signed by the Chair.
- Notices 3. The Clerk will prepare, post and publish all required Notices of the Board of Supervisors.
- Minutes 4. The Clerk will prepare for approval and maintain the permanent record minutes of all Board proceedings.
- Roll Call 5. The Clerk will call the roll in the order directed by the Board. After the roll has once been called, the Clerk will again call the names of those who passed or did not vote.
- Unsigned Communications 6. The Clerk will not place unsigned communications on the Board agenda.

Matters  
Continued

7. The Clerk shall place matters that the Board does not act upon on the next meeting agenda unless the Board otherwise directs.

**D. Agenda**

Order of Business

1. The Board will hear and consider matters on its agenda at the hour set or as soon thereafter as practical.

Change of Order

2. At any time after Roll Call, any Member may request a change to the order of business.

Submissions/  
Deadlines

3. All material submitted for a Board agenda must conform to Board of Supervisors Policy No. C2.5 and Administrative Procedure No. C4.1.

**E. Board Chambers**

Described

1. The Board Chambers consist of the Hearing Room, the Members' Dais and the Executive Chamber.

Dais

2. Except by permission of the Chair, no person will have the privilege of, or be admitted to, the Dais.

Chambers Open

3. The Hearing Room in the Board Chambers will be open to the public at all public meetings.

Removal

4. The Sergeant at Arms will maintain order in the Board Chambers, and under the direction of the Chair may remove from the Chambers persons causing disturbances or otherwise violating the rules.

**F. Voting**

Quorum to Act

1. A quorum may conduct the business of the County.

Passing Motions

2. A majority vote of the quorum present is necessary to pass any motion unless applicable law requires a greater number of votes.

Tie Vote

3. A tie vote will result in postponement of consideration of a matter until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, but not including a meeting scheduled for the following day.

- a. Motion to approve or grant. A second tie vote on a motion to approve or grant an item results in denial of the item.
- b. Motion to approve or grant - rezoning applications only. A second tie vote on a motion to approve or grant a rezoning application requires the item be set to a time certain within 30 days for final action. A third tie vote on a motion to approve or grant a rezoning application results in denial of the item.
- c. Motion to deny or disapprove. A second tie vote on a motion to disapprove or deny an item leaves the item open before the Board for future disposition.

- Conflict of Interest 4. A Member will not discuss or vote upon a matter where the Member has a conflict of interest under A.R.S. Title 38, Chapter 3, Article 8. The Member will recuse himself/herself in that event.
- Pass 5. A Member may pass on the first roll call but must vote aye or nay on the second and final roll call.
- Leaving Seat 6. When a roll call is commenced, no Member may leave his/her seat until the vote is disclosed.
- Change of Vote 7. A Member may change his/her vote after the roll has been completed and before announcement of the result, but not thereafter.
- Leaving Hearing Room 8. No Member may leave the Board Chamber during session without permission of the Chair.

**G. Motions**

- Second to Motion 1. A second to a motion is required.
- Dividing a Question 2. Upon request, before a question is put, a question will be divided if it includes propositions so distinct in substance that, one being taken away, a substantial proposition shall remain.
- Separate Consideration 3. Upon request, amendments to motions may be considered separately.
- Dilatory Motion 4. The Chair will not entertain a dilatory motion.



## H. Reconsideration

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| <u>Who May Make</u> | 1. When a matter has been voted upon, any Member who voted on the prevailing side may move for reconsideration for cause.   |
| <u>When Made</u>    | 2. A Member on the prevailing side may file an intention to move for reconsideration for cause only at the same or the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.   |
| <u>Contracts</u>    | 3. No motion approving a contract may be reconsidered unless evidence exists that the contract was not awarded in conformance with applicable federal, state or local laws or policies, or that the party awarded the contract did not meet the contract specifications.      |
| <u>Vote</u>         | 4. A majority vote is sufficient to pass a motion to reconsider even when the matter to be reconsidered requires a greater vote for passage. After a motion to reconsider has been acted upon, a second motion to reconsider the same item requires a unanimous vote to pass. |

## I. Passage of Ordinances/Resolutions

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| <u>Copy of Text</u>        | 1. The Clerk will provide the Board a copy of the proposed ordinance/resolution prior to the meeting.   |
| <u>Required Readings</u>   | 2. Any Member may request a full reading. Otherwise, the ordinance or resolution will be read by number and title only. An ordinance or resolution may be passed and adopted at any time after the reading.   |
| <u>Available to Public</u> | 3. Copies of proposed ordinances and resolutions will be available to the public, when feasible, at the Office of the Clerk of the Board not less than forty-eight hours before the hour the Board convenes to consider the ordinance or resolution. Should copies not be available, said ordinance or resolution will be ordered read in full before the vote upon the request of any member of the public at the meeting. |
| <u>Waiver</u>              | 4. Any requirement relating to reading and passing of ordinances and resolutions is considered waived by the Board voting upon the item without an objection being raised.  |

**J. Decorum and Debate**

Being  
Recognized

1. When a Member desires to speak or make a motion, the Member will address the Chair. Upon being recognized, the Member may address the Board.

First Person  
Recognized

2. When more than one Member addresses the Chair, the Chair will name the person who is to speak, recognizing the person who first addressed the Chair.

Interruptions

3. No Member will interrupt another except to raise a point of order or to correct a mistake.

Decorum

4. No Member will indulge in personal attacks, impugn motives of Members, or use language tending to hold a Member up to contempt.

**K. Participation by Employees and Public**

Employees  
Recognized

1. When an officer or employee of the County desires to speak, the officer or employee will address the Chair and, upon being recognized, state his/her name and position with the County and then speak.

Public  
Recognized

2. No person in the Hearing Room will be permitted to speak unless recognized by the Chair, who may at his/her discretion, permit persons to speak on agenda items which have not been noticed as a hearing.

Call to  
the Public

3. Call to the Public shall be scheduled for one hour each meeting unless extended by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors. Speakers shall have three minutes to speak. However, for any meeting where 20 or more individuals have submitted speaker cards, each speaker's time shall be limited to two minutes. Upon being recognized, the person shall advance to the podium, state his/her full name, whom he/she represents, and state the subject matter before addressing the Board.

No Interruptions

4. No person may interrupt legislative proceedings.

- Procedure 5. Orderly procedure requires that each person proceeds without interruption from the audience and retires when his/her time is up; that all arguments be addressed to the Board, and that there be no questioning or argument between individuals. Unless otherwise required by applicable law, and to the greatest extent practicable, the Chair will allow each speaker an equal amount of time to speak.
- Questions 6. The Members of the Board and staff members on the dais may only ask questions and make appropriate comments regarding any item that has been specifically noticed on the agenda.
- Orderly Conduct 7. Citizens attending a meeting will observe rules of propriety, decorum and good conduct. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the Board, may be removed by the Sergeant at Arms at the direction of the Chair. Such person may be barred from further audience before the Board. The Chair will not permit unauthorized remarks from the audience, stamping of feet, whistling, yelling, booing, clapping, cheering and similar demonstrations. The Chair may direct offenders from the Chambers.
- Signs 8. Signs must not obstruct the view of any person in the Hearing Room or hinder any person's participation in the proceedings. The Board Chair or a Board Member acting as Chair, can direct the Sergeant at Arms to have offensive signs removed from the Hearing Room or otherwise be placed out of sight.

**L. Zoning Hearings**

- Order of Procedure 1. Staff shall present their report. The applicant may speak next then all persons who wish to speak on the matter will be heard. The applicant may then rebut, and a spokesperson for any opposition may also have the opportunity to rebut. Applicants and others may appear in person or by counsel.
- Questions 2. Members may direct questions to the applicant or any person speaking in order to bring out relevant facts, circumstances or conditions affecting the case and may call for questions from staff.
- Information 3. All supporting evidence for and against each case will be presented to the Board. The applicant will be responsible for the presentation of all information supporting his or her case.

Closing Hearings

4. The Board may close or continue the hearing by motion.

Decision

5. The Board may take the case under advisement for later consideration and determination, or may defer action if it concludes that additional evidence is needed or further study is required, or may make its decision immediately.

**M. Executive Session**

Procedure

1. The Board may, by motion, convene into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01 et. seq. for discussion of any business which may in the opinion of the Board be required. The Members will retire to the Executive Chamber and exclude unnecessary personnel. Rules of the Board will apply in executive session, but no final vote may be taken.

**N. Parliamentary Procedure**

Robert's Rules

1. The Board will follow Robert's Rules of Order where applicable and not in conflict with these or other superior rules. The order of precedence in determining parliamentary procedure is:
  - a. Constitution of Arizona
  - b. Arizona Revised Statutes
  - c. Pima County Ordinances
  - d. Rules of the Board

**O. Suspension of Rules**

Majority Vote

1. No rule of the Board may be suspended except by at least three (3) affirmative votes supporting the proposed suspension. A motion to suspend the rules will be decided without debate. Procedure that is inconsistent with a rule of procedure, without objection, implies suspension.

**P. Amendment of Rules**

Three Votes

1. No rule of the Board may be amended except by three (3) affirmative votes.

**Q. Economic Development**

Oversight and  
Confidentiality

1. The County Administrator shall make the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors or his/her designee aware of all potential economic development projects. The County Administrator and the Chairman or his/her designee shall be subject to the same non-disclosure requirements and shall maintain the client confidentiality necessary in economic development projects.