

**RESOLUTION NO. 12209**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING, AND SUBMITTING TO THE CITY OF MESA VOTERS FOR RATIFICATION AT THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 ELECTION, THE MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER: TOMORROW’S MESA 2050 GENERAL PLAN.

WHEREAS, Arizona law requires municipalities to prepare and adopt a comprehensive, long-range general plan for the development of the municipality and requires the general plan to contain specific elements and content.

WHEREAS, prior to the expiration of its current general plan, the City of Mesa (“City”) must either readopt its existing general plan or adopt a new general plan.

WHEREAS, the City has prepared a new general plan – the Moving Forward Together: Tomorrow’s Mesa 2050 General Plan (“2050 General Plan”) – that contains the elements and content required by Arizona municipal planning laws (Arizona Revised Statutes (“A.R.S.”) § 9-461, et. al.).

WHEREAS, the Planning Division prepared the 2050 General Plan with input from every City department and the preparation of the 2050 General Plan was coordinated with and made through the General Plan Citizen Advisory Committee, Planning and Zoning Board, City Council, and citizens of Mesa.

WHEREAS, the City adopted a written public participation plan providing for the effective, early, and continuous public participation in the development of the 2050 General Plan from all geographic, ethnic, and economic areas of Mesa that resulted in expansive public outreach, including 61 public events, 38 public presentations by staff, over 14,000 engagements with citizens, and over 28,000 visits to the 2050 General Plan website.

WHEREAS, the City consulted with and provided an opportunity for official comment by numerous organizations, agencies, and public officials including the Maricopa County Planning and Development Department, Arizona Department of Water Resources, Arizona Department of Transportation, Arizona Commerce Authority, school districts and educational institutions in Mesa, and municipalities near Mesa.

WHEREAS, at least 60 days prior to noticing the 2050 General Plan for public hearing with the Planning and Zoning Board, a draft of the 2050 General Plan was transmitted to the Planning and Zoning Board, the City Council, and the citizens and entities required by A.R.S. § 9-461.06(D) for further review, comment, and input.

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Board held two public hearings on the 2050 General Plan, on April 22, 2024 and April 24, 2024, at different locations within Mesa to promote citizen participation and the City Council held an additional public hearing on May 20, 2024.

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearings was provided in compliance with A.R.S. § 9-461.06(E).

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Board recommended adoption of the 2050 General Plan.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt the 2050 General Plan to be the City's new general plan, subject to ratification by the voters.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Mesa as follows:

Section 1.     Adoption. The Moving Forward Together: Tomorrow's Mesa 2050 General Plan ("2050 General Plan") is hereby adopted to be the City of Mesa's new general plan, subject to ratification by the voters.

Section 2.     Public Record. The 2050 General Plan is hereby declared a public record, copies of which are available for public use and inspection at multiple locations in the City of Mesa, including the Main Library, Dobson Ranch Library, Red Mountain Library, City Clerk's Office, and the City of Mesa's website.

Section 3.     Ballot Question. The following question shall be submitted to City of Mesa voters at the next general election:

Shall the Mesa 2050 General Plan adopted by the City Council on May 20, 2024, be approved as the City of Mesa's new general plan setting forth the comprehensive, long-range plan and policies to guide Mesa's future growth and development and that will not change current zoning or increase taxes?

Section 4.     Ballot Measure Language. The City Clerk is directed to provide to the Maricopa County Recorder's Office, in substantially the form set forth in this Section 4, the official title, descriptive title and questions, and ballot tagline for the 2050 General Plan proposed by this Resolution to be placed on the ballot at the next general election. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City Council acknowledges that the language may need to be modified for election or legal purposes, including spacing availability on a ballot. Therefore, the City Clerk is authorized to modify the language set forth in this Section 4 at her discretion, for any reasonable purpose.

OFFICIAL TITLE: Proposed ratification of the Moving Forward Together: Tomorrow's Mesa 2050 General Plan.

DESCRIPTIVE TITLE: Proposal to ratify the Mesa 2050 General Plan adopted by the City Council on May 20, 2024, as Mesa's new general plan setting forth the comprehensive, long-range plan and policies to guide Mesa's future growth and development. The Mesa 2050 General Plan will not change current zoning or increase taxes.

A "YES" vote shall have the effect of approving the Mesa 2050 General Plan.

A “NO” vote shall have the effect of not approving the Mesa 2050 General Plan, and Mesa retaining the general plan approved in 2014.

TAGLINE: Shall the Mesa 2050 General Plan adopted by the City Council on May 20, 2024, be approved as the City of Mesa’s new general plan setting forth the comprehensive, long-range plan and policies to guide Mesa’s future growth and development and that will not change current zoning or increase taxes?

A “YES” vote shall have the effect of approving the Mesa 2050 General Plan.

A “NO” vote shall have the effect of not approving the Mesa 2050 General Plan, and Mesa retaining the general plan approved in 2014.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona this 20th day of May, 2024.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk