

Pinal County

2016 Comprehensive Plan Major Amendment Process Schedule

<u>Tuesday, May 10:</u>	Submit Comprehensive Plan pre-application form (available online)
Wednesday, May 11:	Work Session with Board of Supervisors (county initiated items only)
<u>Tuesday, May 24:</u>	Deadline for applicants to complete pre-application meeting with staff
<u>Friday, June 3:</u>	Deadline for application submittal (4:30 pm)
Friday, June 17:	Applications mailed to agencies for 60 day review
Wednesday, August 17:	Work Session with Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, August 16:	Deadline for 60 day review responses
<u>Thursday, September 1:</u>	Citizen Advisory Committee reviews requests and makes recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission
<u>Thursday, September 15:</u>	Public Hearing of the Planning and Zoning Commission to review requests and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors
October - TBD	Public Hearing of the Board of Supervisors to approve, deny or continue requests
November - TBD	Public Hearing of the Planning and Zoning Commission if changes were made by the Board of Supervisors
December - TBD	Public Hearing of the Board of Supervisors to approve, deny or continue requests

What is a Comprehensive Plan Major Amendment?

A Major Amendment is defined by the Arizona State statutes as a “substantial alteration of the County’s land use mixture or balance as established in the County’s existing Comprehensive Plan Land Use element for that area of the County.” The criteria for determining if a proposed amendment is considered a Major Amendment can be found in *Chapter 10: Implementation* of the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan.

What is a Comprehensive Plan Major Amendment Process?

The Comprehensive Plan Major Amendment Process is an opportunity for landowners to apply for changes to the Comprehensive Plan for their properties, or for Counties to update the Comprehensive Plan to have it match new County policies or ordinances.

The process also provides an opportunity for landowners/residents, agencies and surrounding jurisdictions to comment on the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan through the Public Hearings held before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

Why is the Major Amendment Process Done Once a Year?

Major amendments typically involve larger pieces of land or more dramatic changes in use. The State of Arizona mandates that Major Comprehensive Plan Amendments occur once a year, and must be completed in the year they were started.

How Can Citizens Participate in the Major Amendment Process?

Citizens may participate in the Major Amendment Process by attending any one of the Public Hearings shown in the Major Amendment Schedule shown above. Citizens may also submit a written statement to the County regarding a particular amendment (be sure to contact County staff for submittal deadlines).

Is it Possible that the Process Shown Here Could Change?

Yes, if you want to attend meetings or hearings regarding the Comprehensive Plan Major Amendment Process please check the County Website for any changes that may occur.

How Can I Make Comments or Ask Specific Questions?

Please contact: dedrick.denton@pinalcountyz.gov