

**TOWN OF GUADALUPE, ARIZONA
RESOLUTION R2025.08**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GUADALUPE, MARICOPA COUNTY ARIZONA, ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 19, 2026, IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF GUADALUPE, ARIZONA TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING A PRIMARY PROPERTY TAX AND THE PROPOSED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY A PRIMARY PROPERTY TAX.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Common Council (the “Town Council”) of the Town of Guadalupe, Arizona (the “Town”), determined that in order for the Town to continue to provide existing services to the residents, guests, businesses and property owners within the corporate limits of the Town, the Town must levy a primary (ad valorem) property tax in the next and each succeeding tax year for the purposes permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (“A.R.S.”) § 42-17056, the Town Council must submit the question of establishing a primary (ad valorem) property tax and proposed amount to be raised by primary property taxes for approval of the voters on the third Tuesday of May.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GUADALUPE, ARIZONA:

Section 1. That the recitals above are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. That pursuant to A.R.S. § 42-17056 an election in the Town is hereby ordered and called to be held on May 19, 2026 (“Election”), at which time there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Town the question of establishing (i) a primary property tax for the Town and (ii) the proposed amount to be raised by primary (ad valorem) property taxes, as set forth in the form of ballot attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part of this resolution.

Section 3.

- (A) The notice of the Election shall be given by mailing an informational pamphlet (the “Informational Pamphlet”) to each household within the Town prior to the beginning of early voting to the residences in which a registered voter of the Town resides as shown on the general county register.
- (B) The Town Clerk is hereby directed to cause the preparation and distribution of the Informational Pamphlet, and the Town officers are hereby authorized to prepare and deliver, or cause to be prepared and delivered, to the Town Clerk the information necessary or appropriate for completing the Informational

Pamphlet, including the proposed amount to be raised by primary (ad valorem) property tax required by A.R.S. § 9-826(B)(3);

- (C) The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to request arguments “for” and “against” the subject matter of the Election by posting the information in this Section on the Town website.
- (D) Pursuant to A.R.S. § 19-141(C), the Town hereby sets the deadline to submit arguments “for” and “against” the primary (ad valorem) property tax by 5:00 p.m. on February 18, 2026.
- (E) Each argument “for” and “against” the subject matter of the Election shall be submitted in person at Guadalupe Town Hall located at 9241 S. Avenida del Yaqui, Guadalupe, AZ 85283. Each argument must also be submitted electronically to the Town Clerk at JKulaga@guadalupeaz.org. Each argument must include a sworn statement from the person sponsoring the argument; for organizations submitting arguments, the sworn statement must be from two executive officers; and for political action committees submitting arguments, the sworn statement must be from the committee’s chairman or treasurer. Persons signing the argument shall identify themselves by giving the Town Clerk their residence address and telephone number; only the person’s name and city or town and state of residence shall appear in the pamphlet.
- (F) Arguments are limited to 300 words in length. With each argument supporting or opposing the subject matter of the Election, the sum of 25.00 dollars and no/100 (\$25.00) shall be deposited with the Town to offset a portion of the proportionate cost of paper and printing the argument in the Informational Pamphlet.

Section 4. The Election shall be conducted in conformity with the provisions of the general election laws of the State of Arizona except as otherwise provided by law. The Mayor and the Town Clerk or either of them is each hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the Maricopa County to obtain precinct registers for the Election and to conduct the Election for the Town, including for the ballots to be printed and delivered to the election boards to be furnished, or mailed, to the qualified electors eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 5. The Election will be conducted as an all-mail ballot election, and the votes cast shall be counted and tabulated and the returns thereof will be made in the manner provided by law. Only persons who are qualified electors of the Town will be allowed to vote. **A qualified elector must be registered to vote by 11:59 p.m. on April 20, 2026.** Official ballots for the Election will be mailed to qualified electors beginning April 22, 2026.

Section 6. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to (i) conduct the special election as a mail ballot election in accordance with the requirements of A.R.S. § 16-409, as amended, (ii) enter into an agreement with the Maricopa County Elections Department to conduct the special election of the Town and (iii) take all necessary action to facilitate the special election, including publishing this resolution in the manner set forth in A.R.S. §§ 9-812 and 39-204.

Section 7. To comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the following information pertaining to this Election shall be translated into Spanish and posted, published and/or recorded in each instance where posting, publication and recording of such proceedings are required, including this Resolution, the ballot and any instructional materials and the Informational Pamphlet.

Section 8. A replacement ballot site will be established within the Town boundary in coordination with the Maricopa County Elections Department. The location will be open on Election Day from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 9. All expenditures as may be necessary to order, notice, hold and administer the special election are hereby authorized, which expenditures shall be paid from current operating funds of the Town.

Section 10.

- (A) The county election officials will forward the votes cast to the Town Council for canvassing the results. The Mayor and Council will meet within twenty (20) days after the Election to canvass the returns of the Election. The Mayor and Council will be governed by the vote of the majority on the question submitted.
- (B) If the Election results authorize implementation of the primary (ad valorem) property tax, the Town Clerk shall send a copy of the approved resolution to the Arizona Property Tax Oversight Commission and Maricopa County shall be notified that the Town will be levying a property tax in the fiscal year following the Election.
- (C) The Town Clerk shall submit a report on the all-mail ballot election to the Arizona President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives before January 1, 2027 with the information required by A.R.S. § 16-409.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Guadalupe, Arizona, this 13th day of November, 2025.

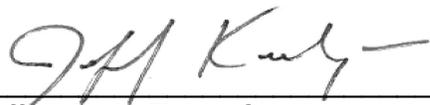
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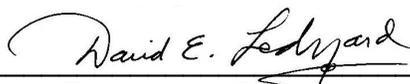
Valerie Molina, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Jeff Kulaga, Town Clerk



David E. Ledyard, Esq.
FAITH LAW, PLC
Town Attorneys

EXHIBIT "A"
To
RESOLUTION R2025.08

[Form of Ballot]

See following page.

**BALLOT FORMAT
TOWN OF GUADALUPE
SPECIAL ELECTION
MAY 19 2026**

QUESTION 412

**PROPOSED QUESTION REFERRED TO THE VOTERS BY THE COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF GUADALUPE**

OFFICIAL TITLE: A TOWN CODE AMENDMENT TO ENACT A PRIMARY (AD VALOREM) PROPERTY TAX

DESCRIPTIVE TITLE: Enacts a primary property tax in the amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, effective July 1, 2026, which will be the base for determining levy limitations for the Town for subsequent fiscal years.

A "YES" vote shall have the effect of authorizing the Town to levy a primary property tax in the amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, effective July 1, 2026.

A "NO" vote shall have the effect of denying the Town the authority to levy a primary property tax.

TAGLINE TEXT: Shall the Town of Guadalupe, Arizona, be authorized to levy a primary property tax in the amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, effective July 1, 2026?