



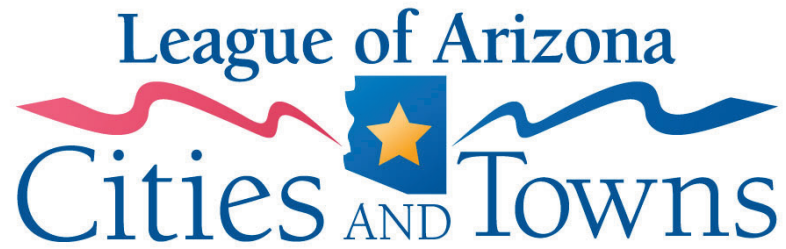
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OUR IMPACT ON 2020

CLEAN 
ELECTIONS

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THE IMPORTANCE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

WE THE VOTERS

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THE ROLE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

- ❖ Police
- ❖ Fire/Emergency Services
- ❖ Public Works (recycling/trash)
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Parks and Libraries
- ❖ Housing
- ❖ Economic Development

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS

Mayor and Council

MUNICIPAL STAFF

Manager

Clerk

Police Chief

Engineer/Public Works

Finance

Attorney

ROLE OF THE CLERK

- ❖ Municipal clerks perform some of the most important tasks in a city or town.
- ❖ A municipal clerk ensures that citizens can participate in **elections**, request copies of public documents, learn about the proceedings of their city and town council, understand the history of their community, and feel confident that the day-to-day work of a city or town is done with professionalism and care.
- ❖ For **local elections**, clerks provide packets for candidates, recalls, and initiative and referendums.

CITY AND TOWN ELECTIONS

A.R.S. §§ 9-821.01, 16-204

- ❖ 91 incorporated cities and towns
- ❖ 82 municipalities hold elections on the state cycle (fall even-numbered years)
- ❖ Nonpartisan
- ❖ No primaries; runoff election, if necessary
- ❖ At-large v. District System

LOCAL CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

- ❖ Minimum of 18 years old;
- ❖ Qualified elector (A.R.S. §16-101)
 - U.S. Citizen;
 - Resident of the state for at least 29 days before the election;
 - Able to write name or mark;
 - No convictions of treason or a felony;
 - Not adjudicated an incapacitated person;
- ❖ Must **reside within the city or town for at least one year** before the election. A.R.S. § 9-232(A).

ORDER OF THE BALLOT

A.R.S. § 16-502

Partisan Candidates

- ❖ Electors for President/Vice President
- ❖ U.S. Senator
- ❖ Representative in Congress
- ❖ Governor
- ❖ Legislators
- ❖ Other Statewide Officers
- ❖ County offices and precinct offices

Nonpartisan Candidates

- ❖ Judges/Justices
- ❖ School District Officials
- ❖ **Municipal Officials**
- ❖ Ballot Measures

WHY YOUR VOTE MATTERS FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS

- ❖ Your vote makes a difference!
- ❖ Mayor and council members are making decisions directly impacting your daily life.
- ❖ Voter turnout dictates election signature requirements for the following elections.

LOCAL RESOURCES

General Government Information

- ❖ City or Town website
- ❖ League of Arizona Cities and Towns website:
www.azleague.org

Election Information

- ❖ City or Town Elections webpage
- ❖ County Elections webpage
- ❖ Publicity pamphlet (ballot measures)

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Title

Name



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Arizona City & Town Data

Below is a link to data on the cities and towns in Arizona for your use. This data is updated regularly.

If you have any questions, changes or updates please [email us](#).

[Download the document \(XLSX\)](#).

QUESTIONS?




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