

MARANA ORDINANCE NO. 2025.015

RELATING TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL; AMENDING MARANA TOWN CODE TITLE 2 (MAYOR AND COUNCIL), CHAPTER 2-4 (COUNCIL PROCEDURE); REVISING SECTION 2-4-1 (REGULAR AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS) TO REMOVE LANGUAGE REQUIRING THE MOVEMENT OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS THAT FALL UPON A DAY DESIGNATED BY LAW AS AN ELECTION DAY; AND DESIGNATING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS Section 2-4-1(A) of the Marana Town Code ("MTC") currently requires the Town Council to "hold its regular meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month, except that when the day fixed for any regular meeting of the council falls upon a day designated as a legal holiday or election day, the meeting shall be held on the next succeeding day"; and

WHEREAS this language has at times required the Town to move regularly scheduled Council meetings to the next succeeding day even for elections that do not impact the Town or Town residents; and

WHEREAS Town staff recently surveyed over a dozen Arizona municipalities to determine how they operate with respect to moving meetings, and while all of them included a requirement in their code to move regular meetings for holidays, none of them included a requirement related to moving regular meetings for election days; and

WHEREAS the Town Code already provides a mechanism to reschedule any meeting falling on an election day that affects the Town or its residents: MTC Section 2-4-1(A) authorizes the Mayor, in consultation with the Town Manager, to cancel meetings and further authorizes additional meetings to be scheduled as needed; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Town of Marana find that revising MTC Section 2-4-1(A) as set forth in this ordinance is in the best interests of the Town and its residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MARANA, as follows:

SECTION 1. Marana Town Code Title 2 (Mayor and Council), Chapter 2-4 (Council Procedure) Section 2-4-1 (Regular and Special Council Meetings) is hereby amended as follows (with deletions shown with ~~strikethroughs~~):

2-4-1 Regular and special council meetings

A. All meetings of the council shall be public meetings and shall be conducted in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431 *et seq.* (the "open meeting law") and all other federal, state and local laws. The council shall hold its regular meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month, except that when the day fixed for any regular meeting of the council falls upon a day designated by law as a legal holiday ~~or election day~~, the meeting shall be held on the next succeeding day which is not a holiday, unless otherwise set by action of the council. Upon consultation between the mayor and the town manager, any meeting which is determined to be unnecessary may be cancelled. The town clerk shall issue a notice of cancellation which shall be posted in the usual manner. Additional meetings, including, without limitation, special meetings and study sessions, shall be scheduled as needed upon request to the town clerk by the mayor, three council members or the town manager. Additional meetings shall be noticed and agendized in accordance with the provisions of this code and applicable state statutes.

[No revisions to paragraphs B through D]

SECTION 2. The various town officers and employees are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. All ordinances, resolutions or motions and parts of ordinances, resolutions or motions of the Council in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, effective as of the effective date of this ordinance.

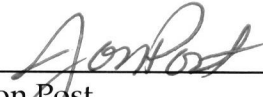
SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. This ordinance is effective 31 days after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MARANA, Arizona, this 18th day of August 2025.

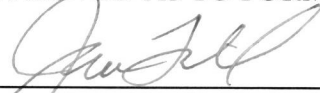
ATTEST:


Jill McCleary, Town Clerk



Mayor Jon Post

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Jane Fairall, Town Attorney