



## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

SAHBA continues to advocate for your business and assist with any challenges or concerns you may have in your operations with local government. As home building remains an essential service in our community, we continue to work with the appropriate departments and agencies to ensure business continues as smoothly as possible. Please let us know how we can serve you.

**NOTE:** Updates appear chronologically, please scroll down for previous reports. For questions, please contact Shawn Cote at [shawn@sahba.org](mailto:shawn@sahba.org).

### APRIL 15

#### Tucson

- Hear an update and provide feedback on City of Tucson planning and permitting processes from Development Services Director Scott Clark via Zoom meeting on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 330p. Email [shawn@sahba.org](mailto:shawn@sahba.org) for meeting invite.
- City of Tucson will move forward on April 21<sup>st</sup> with the adoption of its updated impact fee schedule. SAHBA's engagement has resulted in significant reductions to the fee schedule. The proposed fee schedule is based on square footage and will result in lower fees for many categories of new homes. The fewer larger categories that were proposed to increase will now have that increase postponed while the City recovers from the COVID-19 outbreak. The proposed fee schedule can be found [here](#).

#### Marana

- The Town is looking for feedback on its proposed Subdivision and Private Parks requirement. There are significant changes in the draft and industry feedback is needed. The draft can be found [here](#) and all comments and questions should be sent to [shawn@sahba.org](mailto:shawn@sahba.org)

#### Oro Valley

- The Town will conduct its first public hearing on the proposed changes to its impact fee schedule on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. SAHBA has been engaged throughout this process and provided input which reduced the overall proposed fee schedule. A copy of the consultants May 6<sup>th</sup> presentation can be found [here](#).

#### Pima County

- SAHBA has worked with County Planning staff on proposed change to the zoning code to provide more flexibility when it comes to home placement in the higher density residential zones. The proposed text amendment changes can be found [here](#).
- Pima County Flood Control District is soliciting feedback **on four new Technical Policies and amend 9 additional Technical Policies or Technical Procedures**. Many of these revisions are further clarifications or additional development options that increase flexibility in design and construction. Other add restrictions based on audits and other feedback. Some are new. The policies are varied and address site-built home standards, riparian habitat, modeling techniques, etc. The summary can be found [here](#) as well as the complete language [here](#). Please provide comments or questions to [shawn@sahba.org](mailto:shawn@sahba.org).

## APRIL 6

### MARANA

- **Effective Monday, April 6** Development Services we will no longer accept paper submittals. This is being done as the department transitions all staff to working remotely. All submittals can be submitted electronically via email at [permits@maranaAZ.gov](mailto:permits@maranaAZ.gov). For files too large to transmit via email, we will provide a link to upload submittal documents upon request.
- The issuing of permits will be handled in the same manner electronically. You are still required to have an approved, stamped set on-site for inspections.
- Effective Monday, April 13, 2020 the DSC physical office will be closed and all staff will be working remotely.
- All Development Service information can be found [here](#).

### ORO VALLEY

- Town is actively exploring how to best move forward with P&Z hearings as well as neighborhood meetings.
- The Town has begun the initiation of remote inspections to determine whether they can be done effectively without a site visit. If a site visit is necessary, then the site where the inspection occurs must be absent of people; plans and permit on site only. Please keep us informed of your experience as this rolls out.

### PIMA COUNTY

- **Effective Monday, April 6** Pima County will be suspending inspections requiring inspectors to enter occupied spaces until further notice. These inspections should be completed using a remote inspection. All other necessary exterior inspections can be completed by a field inspector. However it is strongly suggested that the remote inspection program be utilized.
- Remote services expanded to include intermediates and final inspections both of which will require registering for two inspection time slots. There are 88 remote inspection slots each day.
- April Planning & Zoning Commission hearing will occur as scheduled. Applicants and public have telephonic opportunity to speak on agenda items.

### SAHUARITA

- All public meetings cancelled. Next Town Council meeting scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Development Service staff is operating remotely and can be reached at normal phone numbers and email addresses.
- Permitting and inspection information can be found [here](#).

### TUCSON

- To address delays, additional staff have been added to the submittal process to reduce the backlog.

- Once a submittal has been initialized, an email containing an assigned activity number which can be used to track the status of your submittal in [Property Research Online](#). For a step-by-step guide, visit [How to Track a Submittal in PRO](#).
- To visit the Progress Dashboard for daily updates on submittal status, visit: [What is My Submittal Status?](#)
- All GENERAL emails should be sent to [PDSDInquiries@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:PDSDInquiries@tucsonaz.gov)
- For updates regarding the department's service adjustments, visit: [PDSD Service Adjustments](#)

## MARCH 27

- **We have established ongoing remote meetings with Development Services departments in all of the jurisdictions.** These provide the opportunity to share industry feedback so please let us know how your interactions with development services, building safety or other departments is working.
- **Building inspections** continue to occur in all of our local jurisdictions either in person or through expanded Skype operations.
- **The recordings of land and title continues** to occur albeit with increased coordination and patience so please plan accordingly. Please let us know if you experience any issues with the jurisdictions or the County Recorder's Office.
- **We continue to communicate with local utilities** to ensure design and construction of necessary utilities continues. Again, challenges or concerns should be immediately shared with SAHBA.
- **We are working with ADEQ to host a webinar** for members to learn how ADEQ will interpret and enforce the recent changes to Waters of the U.S. and the Clean Water Act. Meeting details will come next week.
- Additionally, **SAHBA will soon host a webinar** with representatives of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) to educate members on how the federal stimulus package may help their business. Meeting details will come next week.
- As we navigate local government during these challenging times, we have an opportunity to innovate and improve the processes that impact the industry. If you have suggestions, ideas or see things that are working effectively to better serve your business operations, please let us know.

## MARCH 23

### TUCSON

- Please see the [attached list](#) of frequently asked questions for additional information regarding Planning & Development Department services.
- Tucson Water customer service counters are closed. All new development questions should be directed to [Richard.sarti@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Richard.sarti@tucsonaz.gov)
- The City has CANCELLED all Boards, Commission and Committee meetings.
- PDSD has closed their lobby to the public. They will remain closed until further notice.
- The City of Tucson is providing various updates and information [here](#).

**PIMA COUNTY**

- Please see the attached Customer Service Advisory for additional information from Development Services Department.
- Board of Supervisors will meet Thursday morning to discuss continued response and action plan.
- March 25<sup>th</sup> P&Z will be held via telephonic conference. A call in number for applicants, consultants and the public will be provided later this week.
- Per the direction of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator, until further notice, effective immediately all Pima County Boards, Commissions and Committees (BCC) meetings should be canceled with the exception of the Pima County Board of Supervisors, Board of Health, and the Planning and Zoning Commission meetings
- Pima County Development Services Open House scheduled for Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> will be rescheduled.

**MARANA**

- Effective 8:00 a.m. March 23, 2020, all Town of Marana buildings, service counters and lobbies will be closed to use and occupancy by members of the public.
- The second floor Development Service (DSC) lobby will remain open for the drop off and pick up of plans or permits.
  - If you must deliver plans or permits in person, please follow the signs outside the Town Administration building to access the DSC lobby from the outside of our second floor. All other doors will be locked to prohibit entry to the building.
  - Any permit that can be submitted electronically should be emailed to the proper address.
  - Please be aware there will be very limited staff in the office and the majority of will be working remotely to assist during traditional business hours. Please do not hesitate to contact any of our staff by phone or email.
  - Inspections are still occurring as usual. Please continue to schedule inspections as you have been doing. Inspectors will not enter occupied homes. Instead we ask the applicant to coordinate with our inspection team to complete the inspection via Skype or by submitting photos of the work completed.
- March 25<sup>th</sup> P&Z meeting has been CANCELLED.

**ORO VALLEY**

- The Town is providing various updates and information available [here](#)
- Monday, 03/23, the customer entrance/lobby for permitting will be closed due to the coronavirus issue. All permit applications need to be electronic, and permits will be issued electronically as well.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> Mayor & Council meeting will be video streaming only with no public attendance. The Town's adoption of the updated impact fee schedule is POSTPONED.

## SAHUARITA

- March 23<sup>rd</sup> Town Council meeting CANCELLED.
- Development Services will remain open with a skeleton crew. Many staff will be working from home. Customers who do not have staff's cell phone numbers can be transferred via the main phone lines listed below. Online submittals for Building Safety will continue. Meetings will be held by conference call.
- Inspections will continue, [but on-site crews and superintendents should not be present during inspections. Leave plans on-site for inspectors use.](#)
- Building Safety: (520) 822-8866 Planning & Zoning: (520) 822-8856
  - Building Permit Applications and Building Inspections [here](#).
  - You can check Permit status [here](#).

## UTILITIES

- TRICO: has moved many employees to work from home status. They continue to accept new service requests and line extension requests, however, the priority will be maintaining current operations and current service. As a result there may be some delay regarding new service requests.
- TEP: Some planned work may need to be rescheduled. Yesterday TEP emailed subdivision customers that TEP owes a design to and informed them that we would need an additional two weeks added to the previously communicated timeframe. At this point, they are working to maintain the construction schedules previously communicated to developers that are currently ready for subdivisions to be energized.
- Southwest Gas: Service continues uninterrupted at this time.

## STATE OF ARIZONA

The legislature has canceled committee meetings.

## STATE AGENCIES

- **ADRE** – Open for business as usual. You are encouraged to submit public report or conditional sales information electronically. If you have issues you can email or call Louis Dettorre @ [ldettorre@azre.gov](mailto:ldettorre@azre.gov); 602-771-7769.
- **ROC** – Open for business as usual. If you have corrective work orders that you are not going to be able to complete in the required time, please contact your inspector and Jim Knupp at [jim.knupp@rocaz.gov](mailto:jim.knupp@rocaz.gov); or 602-616-3956.
- **ADEQ** – Open for business as usual.
- **ADWR** – Open for business as usual.