

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-2284

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, RESOLVING TO ASSIST HOME ARIZONA IN SOLVING THE HOUSING SHORTAGE

WHEREAS, for years, the Phoenix Metropolitan Area has been – and continues to be – an extremely desirable place to live. Because of its natural beauty, affordability, job growth, and high quality of life, each year, it draws 80,000 – 90,000 new residents within its borders; and

WHEREAS, at a time when demand for residential housing has been at its highest, the delivery of new housing supply has been historically low. From 2000 – 2010, the Phoenix Metropolitan Area added 486,980 new housing units. However, from 2010 – 2020 the Phoenix Metropolitan Area added only 240,178 housing units. This number represents less than half of the number added from 2000 – 2010, and is the lowest number of housing units added in any decade since the 1960's. This has led the City of Goodyear to recognize several key facts:

- The Phoenix Metropolitan Area faces a dire housing shortage.
- Housing prices across the Phoenix Metropolitan Area have grown close to 30% in the last year, in part because of the housing shortage. These prices are likely to continue to grow at an unsustainable pace until this problem is addressed.
- Increasing housing costs for the consumer will damage affordability. Declining affordability will threaten the region's ability to recruit and retain qualified employees.
- If companies struggle to attract qualified employees, the region will lose our ability to attract major employers.
- To help address the growing housing shortage and increased housing costs, one tool among others includes building additional housing supply.
- This issue impacts all communities and the City of Goodyear desires to collaborate with other municipalities to find regional solutions. However, solutions to this issue should be addressed at the local – and not the state – level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Goodyear hereby recognizes there is a shortage of housing and strives to analyze the problem and find local, responsible, cooperative, and creative solutions. It further recognizes that successful economic development begins with a pro-housing policy.

SECTION 2. The City of Goodyear is committed to working with citizen committees, neighborhood leaders, property owners, developers, and residents work together to develop solutions to the housing shortage.

SECTION 3. The City of Goodyear recognizes the importance of bringing more housing units to market quickly. Accordingly, the City of Goodyear continues its commitment

to process improvements by considering new processes that enhance the speed and quality of development that promote more efficient development timetable, including the issuance of building permits, while preserving the health, safety, quality and desirability of the community and providing ample opportunity for community input.

SECTION 4. The City of Goodyear continues its commitment to staffing its Development Services Department in a way that is responsive to the growing number of development projects throughout the City.

SECTION 5. City staff is directed to prepare and present to City Council quarterly reports on relevant housing data, including population trends, the number of housing units permitted and issued certificate of occupancy.

SECTION 6. Resolution 2022-2284 shall be effective upon the date of its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Goodyear, Maricopa County, Arizona, by a _____ vote, this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Joe Pizzillo, Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Darcie McCracken, City Clerk

Roric Massey, City Attorney