

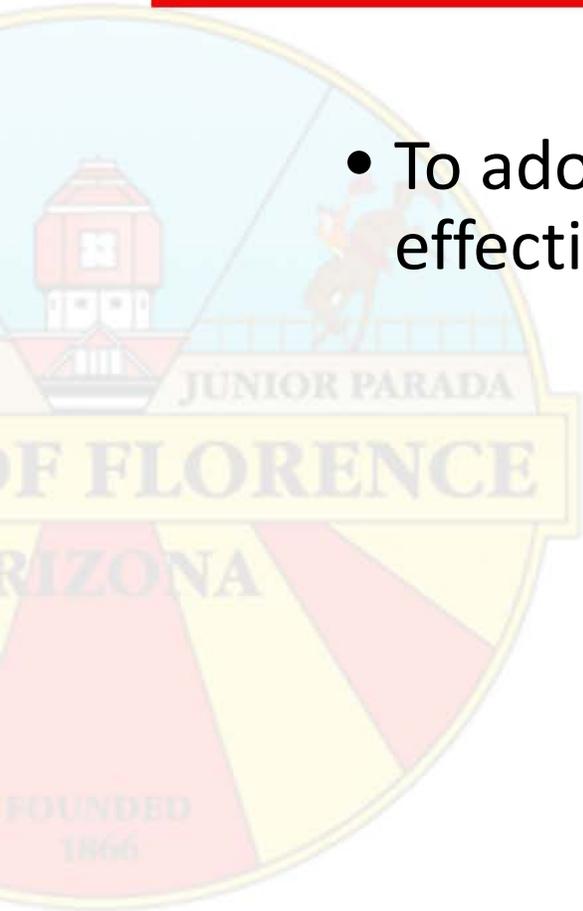


2020 Legislative Agenda



Goal

- To adopt a legislative agenda that allows the Town of Florence to effectively focus our legislative efforts on Council priorities.





2020 Legislature

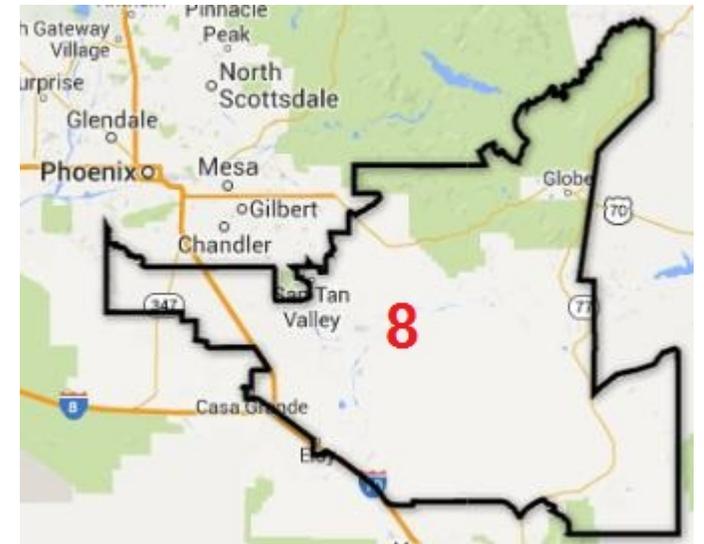
Second Regular Session of the 54th Legislative Session began January 13th, 2020.

- Session should last about 100 days (~April 22nd, 2020)
 - Likely to be shorter than last year's session, as the Senate, House, and Governor have all released their budget proposals. And it's an election year, so they want to go campaign!
- Senate President Karen Fann (R - Prescott)
- Speaker of the House Rusty Bowers (R - Mesa)



Florence Representatives

- District 8
 - Senator Frank Pratt (R – Casa Grande)
 - Representative T.J. Shope (R – Coolidge)
 - Representative David Cook (R – Globe)





Proposed Legislative Agenda

1. Protect/Enhance Existing Revenue Sources
 - Highway User Revenue Fund / State-Shared Revenues
2. Oppose Cost Shifting onto Cities and Towns
3. Preserve Local Control
 - Incorporation / Land Use Planning / Business Licensing
4. Fight for the Prison Industry
 - Prisoners should be counted where they live – at the Prison
 - Support pay increases for correctional officers
 - Minimize financial/economic impacts of closure of ASPC-F



Proposed Legislative Agenda

5. Seek budget allocations for the Heritage Fund
6. Create Economic Development Tools
 - Tax Increment Financing / AZ Commerce Authority / Vacant Building Registry
7. Enhance Tourism
 - AZ Office of Tourism
8. Public Services
 - Protect surface and ground water / reclaimed & remediated
9. Do No Harm



Implementation Plan

Staff will:

- Advocate in support of this agenda at all levels.
- Coordinate activities with the Arizona League of Cities and Towns.
- Communicate with Council on issues affecting Florence and Pinal County through Legislative Updates in Council agenda packets.
- Enlist assistance of individual members of Council to initiate targeted strategies, when warranted.
- Seek additional Council direction as needed.



Implementation Plan

Staff has/will:

- Attend the CAG Legislative Day (2/3/20).
- Review bills as they are presented and register positions on the Legislature's "Request to Speak" system.
 - Each councilmember also has access to the system.
- Communicate with AZ Representatives Cook & Shope, AZ Senator Pratt, U.S. Representative Gosar and U.S. Senators Sinema and McSally.



State Budget (FY21)

- Arizona's largest budget in history (\$12.3B)
- Governor is proposing over \$1B in new spending
 - One-time deposit of \$25 million to the State "Rainy Day Fund"
 - \$608 million in new money for K-12 education
 - Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) remains fully-funded
 - **\$10 million** of funding for competitive Rural Broadband grants
 - Keeps the Department of Revenue assessment at **\$20.8 million**
 - Town of Florence paid \$69,178 to ADOR in FY20.
 - Proposes **10% increase** in salaries for Department of Corrections employees across the state.
 - Funds soil and drainage studies of the Superstition Vistas Planning Area in Pinal County.
 - \$28 million to accelerate expansion of the I-10 between Tucson and Phoenix.



Important Bills

- **HB 2053** – Executive Sessions; Security Plans (**Rep. Espinoza**)
 - Would **allow** cities to hold executive sessions to discuss building safety or cybersecurity plans behind closed doors.
- **HB 2305** – Private Trash Providers (**Rep. Townsend**)
 - Would **prohibit** cities from *criminally* enforcing any requirements for residents to maintain solid waste services through a private provider.
- **SB 1160/1161** – Cancer Presumption (**Sen. Carter/Boyer**)
 - All forms of cancer contracted by firefighters and/or peace officers would be presumed to have been contracted on the job. Town insurance would be required to cover costs associated with its treatment.
- **HB 2313** – Fire Sprinklers; Existing Buildings; Prohibition (**Rep. Grantham**)
 - Cities would be **prohibited** from adopting any codes that would require the installation of fire sprinklers in an existing building, unless the owner undertakes a major renovation or remodel.



Important Bills

- **HB 2705** – Vacant; abandoned buildings; ordinances (**Rep. Shope**)
 - Bill for Florence and other rural communities. Allows for registry for vacant and abandoned buildings.
- **HB 2615** – Municipalities; Utilities; Vacant Buildings (**Rep. Griffin**)
 - Would **prohibit** cities from requiring vacant properties to maintain utilities.
- **HB 2551** – Appropriation; state parks; heritage fund (**Rep. Osborne**)
 - Would provide the Heritage Fund with \$10M in FY21.
- **SB 1280** – Pensions; unfunded liability; expenditure limits (**Sen. Mesnard**)
 - Would remove payments to PSPRS/ASRS unfunded liabilities from consideration in the calculation of the Town's expenditure limitation.