



Development Improvement Work Session

Purpose



1. Review recent improvements
2. Discuss opportunities
3. Seek direction



Continuous Improvement Success



We vote you best City to work with - in or out of a crisis - in 2019/2020!

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“Additionally, working along side the City of Goodyear was a great experience, as their ongoing partnership allowed us to complete the 1st phase of the project on schedule during and otherwise challenging year. “

-- Stream Data Center



September 14, 2020

Dear Mayor Lord:

On behalf of the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry, it is an honor to inform you that the City of Goodyear has been selected as the winner of the second annual *Best City for Business in Arizona (BCB)* award.

The *BCB* concept was introduced by Susan Anable, the Vice President of Public Affairs for Cox Communications, and the immediate past chair of the Chamber's Board of Directors, to recognize economic development excellence at the local level.

The award winner is a city or town committed to supporting the role businesses play in driving economic development, reducing regulatory burdens on business, and working with the business community to improve the local quality of life.

Past Chairwoman Anable formed a working committee to craft the program framework and develop the selection criteria. Committee members included business leaders from Arizona's utility, manufacturing, commercial development, small business, retail, and restaurant industries. The committee developed a rigorous process to assess how cities and towns engage with and work with businesses, in areas such as:

- Efforts to streamline processes.
- Clear expectations on permitting and approvals.
- Competitive fee structures.
- Effective communication with stakeholders.
- Knowledgeable and responsive economic development and development services staff.
- Transparency in the public notice process.
- City leadership and city manager effectiveness.
- Flexibility in allowing businesses time to correct code violations.
- Subjective feedback from the Committee.

The *BCB* award serves as an endorsement from the business community and will be promoted by the Chamber, Chamber Business News, the Arizona Chamber Foundation, Cox Communications and Chamber members.



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Recent Improvements



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Flow Cell



Plans approved and saved **20** working days

Recent Improvements



Electronic Plan Review

- 4805 Applications
- 3,800 plan approvals
- 91,600 sheets uploaded



Use this service for [Express Lane Permits](#) that are minor in nature, require minimal review, often with prior approvals in place such as approved standard construction documents. The permits are reviewed and approved within 5 business days (Includes all former Permits by Email, Traffic Control Permits, Dry Utilities, and **Temporary Tent - Outdoor Dining Permits**).

Express Lane Applications



Use this service to submit an application to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demo, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, to include electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing systems.

Building Applications



Use this service to make a Planning & Zoning application including Zoning Verification, Site Plans, Preliminary Plats and Rezone.

Planning & Zoning Applications



Use this service for civil engineering construction applications including roadway improvements, utilities, site development, land divisions (Final Plat, Map of Dedication, and Minor Land Division).

Do not start an application unless you have a submittal checklist

Civil Engineering Applications

Improvement Opportunities

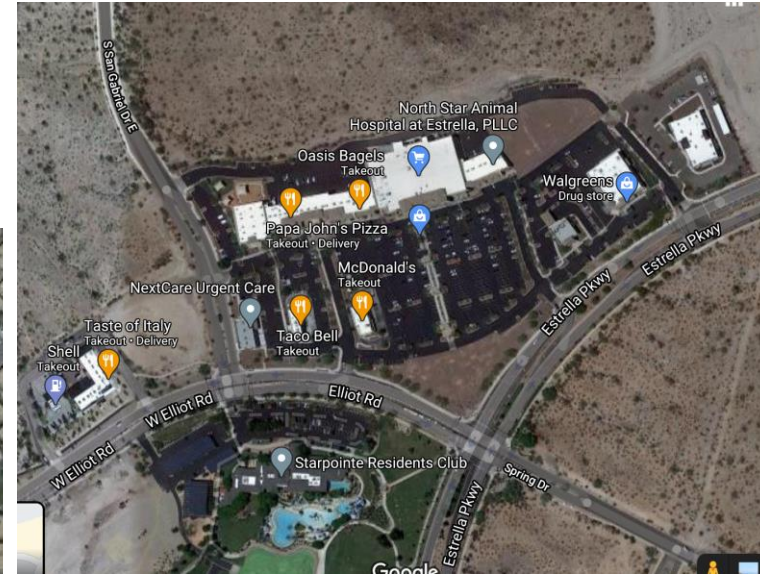
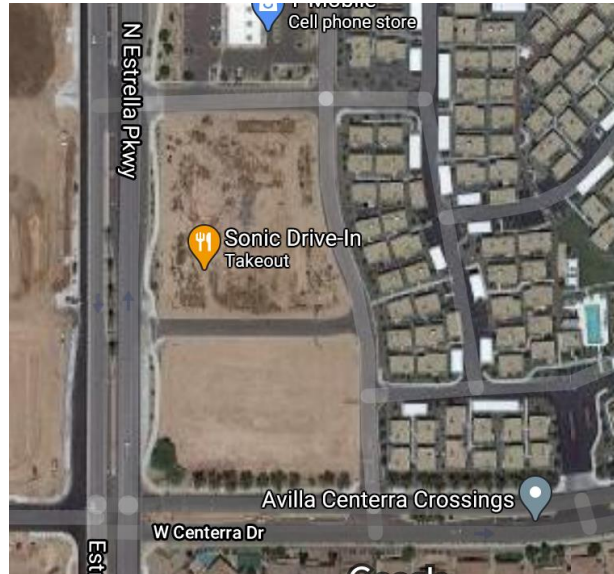


Use Permit / Special Use



Delete this process when more than 500' from residential for:

- Drive-through
- Gas stations
- Banks
- Cell Towers



Discussion




Revise Permitted Uses



- Allow Churches by right in any zoning district
- City Facilities (including wells and lift stations, but not a treatment facility) in any district
- Home daycare up to 5 children

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PLACE TO WORSHIP INITIATIVE - WHAT IS RLUIPA?

The land use provisions of the [Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000](#) (RLUIPA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000cc, et seq., protect individuals, houses of worship, and other religious institutions from discrimination in zoning and landmarking laws (for information on RLUIPA's institutionalized persons provisions, please refer to the Civil Rights Division's [Special Litigation Section](#)).

RLUIPA provides a number of important protections for the religious freedom of persons, places of worship, religious schools, and other religious assemblies and institutions, including:

- **Protection against substantial burdens on religious exercise:**
RLUIPA prohibits the implementation of any land use regulation that imposes a "substantial burden" on the religious exercise of a person or religious assembly or institution except where justified by a "compelling governmental interest" that the government pursues in the least restrictive way possible. 42 U.S.C. § 2000cc(a);
- **Protection against unequal treatment for religious assemblies and institutions:**
RLUIPA provides that religious assemblies and institutions must be treated at least as well as nonreligious assemblies and institutions. 42 U.S.C. § 2000cc(b)(1);

Discussion



Platting process



- Allow 1 time admin approval of Preliminary Plat extension
- If 10 or fewer lots no Preliminary Plat required
- Final Plat recording from 90 days allow 1 staff extension up to 90 days then Council approval required



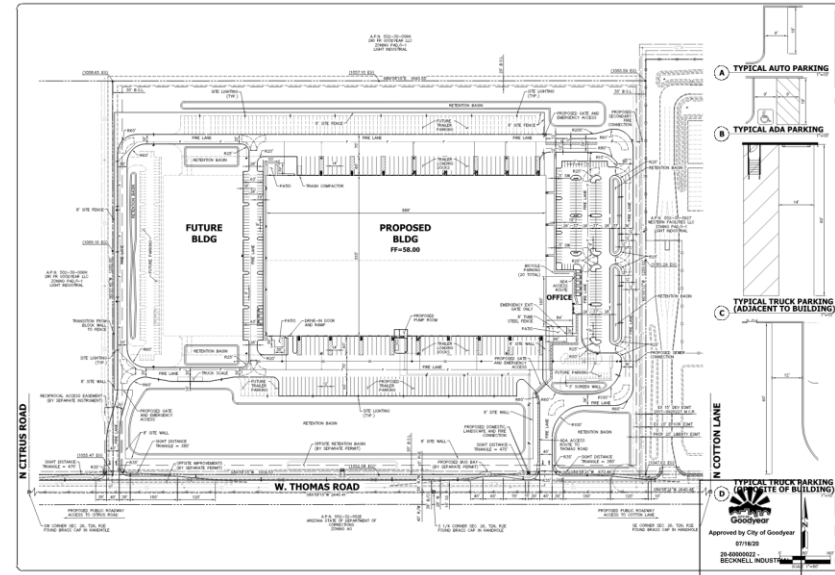
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Site Plan Process



- Ordinance currently requires approval prior to construction documents (CDs)
- Approximately a 4 month approval process
- Run concurrent with CDs, will free staff time while saving customers a step



Discussion

