

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOMBSTONE, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE CITY CODE, TITLE 2, "BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS", ADDING CHAPTER 9, "EVENTS COMMITTEE", ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF TOMBSTONE EVENTS COMMITTEE, DEFINING ITS PURPOSE, MEMBERSHIP, DUTIES, AND OPERATIONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Tombstone recognizes the importance of public events in promoting tourism and fostering community engagement; and,

WHEREAS, the City seeks to ensure that all events brought forward for consideration align with community standards, prioritize public safety, meet all requirements of the City Code; particularly in the Historic District and provide a clear benefit to both residents and visitors of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City seeks to establish a clear and consistent review process for public events to reduce ambiguity and ensure that all applicants understand permitting, insurance, and resource requirements prior to Council consideration; and,

WHEREAS, the City actively seeks to promote tourism and economic growth by attracting events that increase foot traffic, encourage overnight stays, and engage local businesses, and by coordinating with regional promoters and tourism agencies to bring new and recurring events to Tombstone.

THEREFORE, BE IT NOW ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL:

SECTION 1: The City Code of Tombstone, Arizona, Title 2, "Boards and Commissions", Chapter 9, "Events Committee", shall read as follows:

SECTION 2-9-1: EVENTS COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED:

There is hereby created the City of Tombstone Events Committee ("Committee") to serve as an advisory and screening body for proposed public events held within the City.

SECTION 2-9-2: PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Committee shall be to:

A. Ensure event quality and legitimacy by screening and evaluating proposed events before they reach the proposed approval by the City Council by verifying organizer credibility, logistics, and resource and safety planning;

B. Protect Tombstone's historic and cultural identity by ensuring events align with the City's traditions, family-friendly values, and comply with all applicable City Code requirements, particularly within the Historic District;

C. Promote tourism and economic growth by seeking events that drive foot traffic, lodging, and business engagement, in coordination with tourism partners;

D. Create a clear, fair review process through consistent pre-approval steps, providing clear expectations for applicants; and,

E. Improve City Council efficiency by forwarding only fully vetted, complete proposals to the City Council thereby allowing focus on broader governance.

SECTION 2-9-3: POWERS AND DUTIES:

The Committee shall:

A. Review all submitted event proposals and provide recommendations to the City Council;

B. Confirm that proposed events meet all necessary requirements, including permits, insurance, and coordination with City Hall, Public Works, and Public Safety officials;

C. Evaluate the potential impact on City resources, traffic, businesses, and residents;

D. Collaborate with regional tourism agencies and event promoters to attract and support events; and,

E. Maintain a master calendar of events to prevent scheduling conflicts both within the City of Tombstone and throughout Cochise County.

SECTION 2-9-4: MEMBERSHIP:

A. The Committee will consist of five (5) voting members and one (1) non-voting City Council liaison. All members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

B. Members shall serve staggered three (3) year terms and may be reappointed to serve on the Committee without a limitation on the number of terms.

SECTION 2-9-5: MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES:

A. The Committee shall meet at least once per month or as needed.

B. Meetings shall comply with Arizona Open Meeting Laws.

C. A majority of appointed members shall constitute a quorum. Therefore, three (3) members with a fully seated Committee of five (5) members.

D. The Committee shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson annually.

E. All recommendations shall be made by a majority vote of members present at the time of voting.

SECTION 2-9-6: REPORTING TO CITY COUNCIL:

A. The Committee shall file written recommendations for each event proposal with the City Clerk's Office prior to presentation to the City Council for consideration.

B. No event requiring Council approval shall bypass the Committee review process.

SECTION 2: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance or any part of the public record adopted by reference are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance or any part of the public record adopted herein by reference is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION 4: Whereas, it is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Tombstone, Arizona, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

SECTION 5: Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 9-812, 9-813 and 39-204, the City Clerk is directed to publish the text of this Ordinance for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, and further, to post a copy of this Ordinance in three (3) or more public places within the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOMBSTONE, ARIZONA, this 12th day of August, 2025.

CITY OF TOMBSTONE, ARIZONA



DUSTIN ESCAPULE, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



ANN P. ROBERTS, City Attorney

ATTEST:



CHARISSA PRESTI, Interim City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing Ordinance as duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Tombstone, at a regular meeting on August 12, 2025, and that a quorum was present.



Charissa Presti, Interim City Clerk

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Passed and adopted by 5 Councilmembers on 8/12, 2025.

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