

RESOLUTION NO. 07-62

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA,
ESTABLISHING A STREAMLINED AND SIMPLIFIED
PERMITTING PROCESS FOR QUALIFYING BUSINESSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Maricopa desires to establish itself as a globally competitive environment to conduct a variety of business, encourage growth that enhances the community standard of living and quality of life, create new, well-paying jobs, encourage new business and industry to locate in the area and existing businesses to expand; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes these goals are the goals of numerous communities throughout the Country;

WHEREAS, the City, in order to remain competitive, needs to offer a business-friendly environment which is solution oriented, non-bureaucratic, and dedicated to rapid and efficient business location to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to these goals and in furtherance thereof to streamlining and simplifying where possible, the governmental permitting processes to accommodate the need for fast, efficient action by developing and expanding businesses and to make this area an attractive climate to such businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that establishing a streamlined and simplified permitting process for qualifying businesses will be in the City's best interests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona as follows:


1. For those expanding or relocating commercial and industrial businesses meeting the following criteria an expedited permitting process as described in Section 2 hereof shall be offered:
 - a. Creation a minimum of 20 permanent full-time jobs within the first 12-months after its expansion or relocation to the City of Maricopa; and
 - b. Production of Two Million Dollars in gross annual payroll; and
 - c. Creation of a multiplier effect of at least 1:1 and an increase in property value for construction of a new or expanded facility; and
 - d. The proposed site is properly zoned and platted for intended use; and
 - e. In all instances, the completion of the qualifying process implemented by the City of Maricopa Economic Development Department of the City of Maricopa through the Economic Impact Data Sheet as depicted in exhibit "A", Priority Projects Program Application as depicted in exhibit "B", and identification as a target industry pursuant to the *Economic Development Department Strategy and Vision* used in such process.

2. For businesses that meet the above described criteria, the City of Maricopa agrees to take the following actions in an effort to streamline the permitting process:

- a. Make available a business-friendly economic development professional during the qualifying process to better inform the prospective business of City requirements in anticipation of the initial meeting with City staff; and
- b. Create a Development Plan Team for each qualifying project which shall be headed by an individual whose job will be to facilitate meetings, and act as a single contact to whom all information is submitted and from whom answers to the business' questions shall be obtained; and
- c. Cause the Development Plan Team to conduct an initial meeting with the business (pre-application conference) to discuss the overall project and to develop a checklist of items, documents and submittals needed for its specific project. A plans review timeline will be developed and agreed upon by both parties which includes submittal deadlines and review for all development related issues. Components of the schedule to facilitate a project may include but are not limited to:
 - i. regularly scheduled work sessions with the business' design team,
 - ii. follow-up meeting with the business' design team to discuss the review comments, submittal dates, review schedules, permitting in phases and completions in phases; and
- d. Subject to the business' adherence to the schedule, review and written comments will be provided within ten (10) working days of submittal of required documents to the City. A master timeline will be developed by the Development Plan Team for the project and will also include the plans review timeline in addition to review and negotiation timelines for the business and legal staff regarding easement dedication, development agreements, economic development agreements, and other necessary documents; and
- e. Staff review of plans and written comments will adhere to the agreed upon customized schedule and permitting process; and
- f. Where necessary, permits will be provided on a phased approach; and
- g. Reasonable effort and commitment to calling special meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and in extraordinary circumstances, special meetings of the City Council to obtain necessary approvals or resolve special issues.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona this 4th day of December, 2007.

APPROVED:



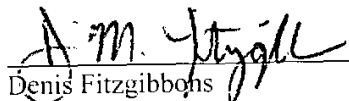
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