

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-23**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA, ADOPTING A POLICY FOR THE PLACEMENT OF ROADSIDE MEMORIALS WITHIN THE CITY OF MARICOPA.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 18.115.040 of the Maricopa City Code exempts memorial plaques, statuary or remembrances of persons or events noncommercial in nature from the City sign code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Maricopa believes that adopting a policy for roadside memorials that allows people to honor and respect those that have died as a result of a motor vehicle, pedestrian or bicycle incident while maintaining clean and safe public rights-of-way is in the best interest of the City of Maricopa.

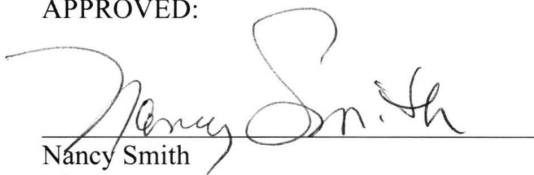
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona as follows:

**Section 1.** The City of Maricopa, Arizona, Roadside Memorial Policy in the form attached to and made a part of this Resolution is hereby adopted.


**Section 2.** The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to implement the Roadside Memorial Policy, effective immediately.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

APPROVED:

  
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Nancy Smith  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Vanessa Bueras, MMC  
City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Denis Fitzgibbons  
City Attorney

## ***Roadside Memorial Policy***

### **Purpose:**

The City of Maricopa (City) Memorial Marker Policy is intended to honor and respect those that have died as a result of a motor vehicle, pedestrian, or bicycle incident while maintaining clean and safe public rights-of-way. In addition, it assists in facilitating the safe return of the marker to the owners if and when it is removed by the city.

### **Scope:**

This policy covers all roadside memorials erected or placed on the public right-of-way within the City.

### **Policy:**

1. Memorial markers placed within public right of way commemorating loss of human life must comply with the below guidelines.
  - a. Must be placed in a safe location, not within a site visibility triangle as described and depicted on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
  - b. Must be no more than twenty four (24) inches in height and twenty four (24) inches in width.
  - c. Must be maintained in good repair and not cause a blighting condition or a safety hazard. If considered to be blight or a safety hazard the city retains the right to remove.
  - d. Must not be displayed for more than one (1) year from the recognized incident date of the loss of life if the memorial marker has contact information. Must not be displayed for more than forty five (45) days from the recognized incident date of the loss of life if the memorial marker does not have contact information. After the 1 year or 45 day period the city reserves the right to remove.
  - e. Must be marked with contact information of the owner if you want the marker to be returned.
2. The marker can be removed by the city, at its sole and absolute discretion, at any time if it is determined there is a safety concern or if construction activity is necessary.
3. If the temporary memorial marker is removed by the city, the marker will be stored for fourteen (14) days in an effort to return the marker to the owner. If the marker is not recovered by the owner within fourteen (14) days, the marker will be disposed of.

# EXHIBIT A

## Sight Visibility Triangle

