

SECTION 102

A. **SCOPE:** In the interpretation and application the provisions of this Ordinance (unless otherwise provided) shall be deemed minimum requirements designed to govern the division and use of land in order to: secure safety from fire, panic and other dangers; provide adequate light and air; prevent overcrowding of land and avoid undue concentration of population in certain areas; facilitate adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks and other public requirements; maintain and promote stable values of land and structures. These provisions shall govern whenever they are more stringent than any other statute, ordinance, legal covenant, agreement or contract, but shall not abrogate any other such requirement which is more stringent or restrictive than the provision herein.

B. **ENFORCEMENT:**

1. **General:** The Town shall enforce the provisions of this ordinance by any means stated in ARS 9-462.05B, and filing a criminal complaint, as appropriate.
2. **Code Enforcement Official:** For the purpose of enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance, there is hereby created the position of Code Enforcement Official as may be required. The Community Development Director shall administer and enforce this Ordinance as the zoning administrator pursuant to ARS 9-462.05C, up to and including the authorization of the filing of criminal charges against violators by the Code Enforcement Official. There are three types of violation notices used:
 - a. **Verbal Warning:** A verbal warning is generally used when initial contact is made between the Code Enforcement Official and the party in violation. A verbal warning is usually given in very minor violations, as a courtesy and is not required by law.
 - b. **Written Warning:** A written warning is provided when personal contact cannot be made, because access to property is blocked i.e. (dogs, fences, etc) or occupant is not at home. Normal time frame is ten days; Extensions are usually at the discretion of the Code Enforcement Official for compliance. A written warning is a courtesy and not required by law.
 - c. **Criminal Citation:** A criminal citation under ARS 9-462.05A. is used when the offense is serious and requires immediate action, when the parties have ignored previous warnings and refuse to work with the Town, or when this is a repeat of a previous offense.

The method of violation notice used shall be at the discretion of the Code Enforcement Official. Conditions and special circumstances will influence the decision of the Official.

3. **Building Inspector:** For the purpose of enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance, violations of any adopted building code will be considered violations of this ordinance as well, and appropriate enforcement action taken.