

# Appeals of Dedication, Exactions or Zoning Regulations



## Rights of Property Owner

In addition to the other rights granted to you by the U.S. and Arizona Constitution, federal and state law and city ordinances or regulations, you are hereby notified of your right to appeal the following City actions relating to your property:

- 1) Any dedication of exaction which is required of you by an administrative agency or official of the city as a condition of granting approval of your request to use, improve or develop your real property. This appeal right does not apply to a dedication or exaction required as part of a city legislative act (for example a zoning ordinance) when an administrative agency or official has no discretion to determine the dedication or exaction.
- 2) The adoption or amendment of a zoning regulation that creates a taking of property in violations of Arizona and federal court decision.

## Appeal Procedure

The appeal must be in writing and specify the City action appealed and the date final action was taken, and must be filed with or mailed to the hearing officer designated by the city within 30 days after the final action is taken

- No fee will be charged for filing
- The city Attorney's Office will review the appeal for compliance with the above requirements, and will notify you if your appeal does not comply
- Eligible appeals will be forwarded to the hearing officer, and a hearing will be scheduled within 30 days of receipt by the hearing officer of your request. Ten days notice will be given to you of the date, time and place of the hearing unless you indicate that less notice is acceptable to you.
- The City will submit a takings impact report to the hearing officer.
- In an appeal from a dedication or exaction, the City will bear the burden of proving that the dedication or exaction to be imposed on your property bears an essential nexus between the requirement and a legitimate governmental interest and that the proposed dedication or exaction is roughly proportional to the impact of the use, improvement or development you proposed.
- In an appeal from the adoption or amendment of a zoning regulation, the City will bear the burden of proving that any dedication of exaction requirement in the zoning regulation is roughly proportional to the impact of the proposed use, improvement, or development, and that the zoning regulation does not create a taking of property in violation of Arizona and federal court cases.
- The hearing officer must render his decision within five working days after the appeal is heard.
- The hearing officer can modify or delete a dedication or exaction or, in the case of an appeal from a zoning regulation, transmit a recommendation to the City Council.
- If you are dissatisfied with the decision of the hearing officer, you may file a complaint for a trial nevo with the Superior Court within 30 days of the hearing officer's decision.

For questions, you may contact:

City's Attorney's Office  
3939 Drinkwater Blvd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251  
480-312-2405

Address your appeal to:

Hearing Officer, C/O City Clerk  
3939 Drinkwater Blvd  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Please be aware that City Staff cannot give you legal advice. You may wish, but are not required, to hire an attorney to represent you in an appeal.

## Planning and Development Services

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