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self-certification program; administrative review

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CHAPTER 31
HOUSE BILL 2447

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 9-500.49, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 9-500.49, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 **9-500.49. Administrative review and approval;**
5 **self-certification program; expedited approval;**
6 **definitions**

7 A. Notwithstanding any other law, the legislative body of a city or
8 town ~~may~~ SHALL by ordinance do the following:

9 1. Authorize administrative personnel to review and approve site
10 plans, development plans, land divisions, lot line adjustments, lot ties,
11 preliminary plats, final plats and plat amendments without a public
12 hearing.

13 2. Authorize administrative personnel to review and approve design
14 review plans based on objective standards without a public hearing.

15 ~~3. Adopt a self-certification program allowing registered~~
16 ~~architects and professional engineers to certify and be responsible for~~
17 ~~compliance with all applicable ordinances and construction standards for~~
18 ~~projects that the ordinance identifies as being qualified for~~
19 ~~self-certification.~~

20 ~~4.~~ 3. Allow at-risk submittals for certain on-site preliminary
21 grading and drainage work or infrastructure.

22 ~~5.~~ 4. Allow applicants with a history of compliance with building
23 codes and regulations to be eligible for expedited permit review.

24 **B. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A CITY OR**
25 **TOWN MAY BY ORDINANCE ADOPT A SELF-CERTIFICATION PROGRAM ALLOWING**
26 **REGISTERED ARCHITECTS AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS TO CERTIFY AND BE**
27 **RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE ORDINANCES AND CONSTRUCTION**
28 **STANDARDS FOR PROJECTS THAT THE ORDINANCE IDENTIFIES AS BEING QUALIFIED**
29 **FOR SELF-CERTIFICATION.**

30 **C.** Applications for a license pursuant to this section are
31 subject to chapter 7, article 4 of this title.

32 **~~C.~~ D.** For the purposes of this section: **,**

33 **1. "LICENSE" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 9-831.**

34 **2. "Objective"** means not influenced by personal interpretation,
35 taste or feelings of a municipal employee and verifiable by reference to
36 an adopted benchmark, standard or criterion available and knowable by the
37 applicant or proponent.

38 **Sec. 2. Effective date**

39 **This act is effective from and after December 31, 2025.**

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 31, 2025.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 31, 2025.