



Legislation Text

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AUTHORIZATION FOR DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT FOR STATE DISASTER REIMBURSEMENT BY THE ARIZONA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Purpose and Recommended Action

This is a request for City Council to designate Glendale's Emergency Manager as the City of Glendale's representative with the federal and state government to administer the recovery and reimbursement of funds used in supporting declared disasters and emergencies. Staff is requesting City Council approve the designation by the Arizona Division of Emergency Management.

Background

During times of catastrophic emergency or disaster, the Mayor, Governor of Arizona, or the President of the United States may declare emergencies or disasters that have reimbursable costs for the City of Glendale (Glendale). Glendale may be eligible to apply for state disaster and federal relief funds through the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) during the inclusive dates of those catastrophic events. The applicant's agent is the person designated by the city as the point of contact for all matters pertaining to federal and state disaster assistance. The applicant's agent is authorized to execute and file applications for public assistance on behalf of Glendale for the purpose of obtaining state and federal assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief & Emergency Assistance Act.

Previous Related Council Action

On September 27, 2005, City Council initially approved the designation of the applicant's agent to finalize state disaster reimbursement.

On January 8, 2013, City Council approved an updated designation of the applicant's agent to finalize state disaster reimbursement.

On October 28, 2014, City Council approved an updated designation of applicant's agent to finalize state disaster reimbursement.

Community Benefit/Public Involvement

Identification of an applicant's agent formalizes the process by which the city can apply for and administer state and federal disaster relief funding. This funding is essential in the aftermath of catastrophic emergency or disaster to restoring the community to pre-disaster conditions and reducing the impact on its citizens.