

FIRE DISTRICT FORMATION

Public Hearing Regarding the
Proposed San Tan Valley Fire
and Medical District

A.R.S. § 48-261

- **Process for Fire District Formation Governed by Statute**
- **Impact Statement**
- **Notice – Mail, Posting, Publication**
- **Public Hearing**
- **Board of Supervisors Determination – Public Health, Comfort, Convenience, Necessity or Welfare**
- **Petition Circulation**
- **Petition Verification – District Formation**

IMPACT STATEMENT

- Submitted by District Proponents to the Board of Supervisors to Begin Formation Process
- May be Submitted by Any Adult Person



IMPACT STATEMENT CONT.

- **Must Include:**
- **Legal Description of Boundaries**
- **List of Taxed Properties**
- **Estimate of Assessed Valuation Within District**
- **Estimate of Change in Tax Liability**
- **List and Explanation of Benefits**
- **List and Explanation of Injuries**
- **Names, Addresses and Occupations of Proposed Initial Board**
- **Description of Initial Services for First 5 Years**

NOTICE

- **By First Class Mail to Property Owners Within Proposed District**
- **Post in 3 Conspicuous Places Within Proposed District**
- **Publish Twice in a Daily Newspaper of General Circulation in the Area**
- **Day, Hour and Place of Meeting, Purpose of Meeting and Where a copy of Impact Statement May be Viewed**

PUBLIC HEARING

- **Set by Board of Supervisors**
- **Not Fewer than 30 nor More than 60 Days from Receipt of Impact Statement**
- **To Hear Those For and Against the Proposed District**
- **Determine Whether Proposed District will Promote Public Health, Comfort, Convenience, Necessity or Welfare**

Public Hearing Cont.

- **If Request Denied Must Wait 6 Months to Propose Similar District**
- **If Approved Proponents Circulate Petitions**
- **The Order of the Board of Supervisors is Final**



PETITIONS

- **Signed by Owners of More Than One Half of the Taxed Property Units**
- **Signed by Persons Owning More Than One Half of the Assessed Valuation**
- **Minimum Number of Signatures and Amount of Valuation Determined by Clerk of Board of Supervisors**
- **Once Determined Numbers Remain Fixed**

PETITIONS CONT.

- **Any Adult Person May Circulate**
- **Petitions Must Comply with A.R.S. § 48-266;
and**
- **Contain a Map and General Description of the
District Boundaries**
- **Must be Returned to the Board of Supervisors
Within One Year of the Date of Approval to
Circulate**
- **Petitions Returned after One Year are Void**

DISTRICT FORMATION

- **On Receipt of Petitions Board of Supervisors Sets a Hearing Not Less than 10 nor More than 30 Days**
- **Hearing May be Postponed and Additional Signatures Submitted if Within One Year time Limit**
- **Board Shall Determine the Validity of Signatures**
- **If Sufficient Valid Signatures Submitted the Board of Supervisors Shall Order District Created**