

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, ADOPTING THE CITY OF BENSON GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, A GENERAL PLAN FOR MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY PURSUANT TO ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, A.R.S. §9-461 ET. SEQ., ESTABLISHING PLANNING GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES; AND CONSIDERING EACH OF THE PLAN ELEMENTS REQUIRED BY STATUTE AS WELL AS OTHERS DETERMINED ESSENTIAL BY THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Benson desires to establish policies for increasing the quality of life for its citizens, enhancing business opportunities, and fostering desired community growth in ways that are consistent with its citizens' values; and,

WHEREAS, an open public participation process has provided direction for Benson's future which was derived from the ideas, commentary, priorities, preferences, review and suggestions offered by residents, business people, civic organizations and representatives of local institutions; and,

WHEREAS, the General Development Plan serves as a framework for municipal preparedness and planning; and,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to be in full compliance with the State of Arizona "Growing Smarter / Plus" legislation requirements; and,

WHEREAS, advisory comments pertaining to the General Plan document have been sought from those agencies and jurisdictions specified by A.R.S. §9-461.06(C) to be included in the sixty-day statutory review period and the written comments and public hearing testimony received pursuant to such required review have been duly considered; and,

WHEREAS, after three public workshops and two public work sessions, over the course of nine months, the City of Benson General Development Plan was presented at a public hearing conducted by the Benson Planning and Zoning Commission on August 27, 2002 and was then forwarded to the City Council for approval; and,

WHEREAS, the Benson City Council held a public hearing to receive public comments on this plan on October 7, 2002; and,

WHEREAS, A.R.S. §9-461.06 requires that a general plan adopted pursuant to statute be submitted to the voters of the city for ratification at the next available election date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON as follows:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF PLAN. That the City of Benson hereby adopts the City of Benson General Development Plan, Section I, The General Development Plan and Section II, The General Development Plan Implementation Program;

SECTION 2. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE  
The Kartchner Caverns Corridor Plan, adopted by Resolution 48-93 in November 1993, is incorporated by reference into the City of Benson General Development Plan, as if fully set forth therein;

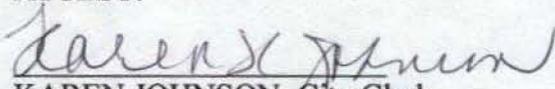
SECTION 3. RATIFICATION BY VOTERS That pursuant to A.R.S. §9-461.06, the City of Benson General Development Plan shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Benson for ratification during the March 2003 primary election; and

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE That upon ratification by voters pursuant to Section 3 above, the City of Benson General Development Plan shall take effect from and after April 1, 2003.

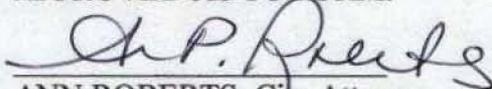
APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benson, Cochise County, Arizona, this 21st day of October, 2002.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
MIKE MONTROY, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
KAREN JOHNSON, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
ANN ROBERTS, City Attorney