

Town of
Florence
Arizona

**CURRENTLY SEEKING OUR NEXT SENIOR
PLANNER**

Founded 1866



COMMUNITY

The spirit of the Old West is alive in Florence, Arizona and the cowboy culture that earned the nickname "Cowboy Cradle of the Great Southwest" is firmly rooted here. Residents and visitors alike are kept busy with Florence's annual event calendar, historic attractions and proximity to popular regional attractions.

Positioned halfway between Phoenix and Tucson Arizona along State Route 79 and 287, Florence is in the center of the Golden Corridor, the growth corridor between two of the fastest growing metro areas in the country. The Town is a rural agricultural community in Pinal County and serves as the county seat. Indian agent Colonel Levi Ruggles staked and platted the Town in 1866. At 1,493 feet in elevation, Florence is situated on a level plain around the Gila River.

Natural landmarks offer interesting punctuation to the great western views – Poston Butte just to the north, and the magnificent Superstition Mountains beyond. Look south to the vibrant colors of the lower Sonoran desert stretching to the Mexican border. Outdoor lifestyles are enhanced by the region's mild desert climate.

GOVERNMENT

Florence, being one of the oldest towns in Arizona, is proud of its history and the designation of the historic downtown as a National Historic District. The town strives to strike a balance between preserving the past and preparing for the future so that an authentic sense of place is maintained and new growth and revitalization is encouraged.

The Town of Florence is a council-manager governed municipality whereby Town Council is the policy-making body and the appointed Town Manager is in charge of the day to day operations. The Mayor and a six-person Town Council are elected to four year terms.

Florence is a full-service town and provides a full array of public services including police, fire, public works, community services (including parks & recreation, library and senior center,) and community development. The Town also owns, operates, and maintains its own water supply and wastewater treatment plants. Our Strategic Plan provides a critical roadmap for the Town and staff as development activity in and around the Town limits increases in the coming months and years.

POSITION: SENIOR PLANNER

**SALARY: \$55,538—\$85,960 annual (full range)
COMPETITIVE BENEFITS PACKAGE**



The Town of Florence is currently seeking a Senior Planner to preform professional and technical work involving the administration of advanced research, analysis and presentation of information and recommendations on current and long-range land use planning, neighborhood planning, transportation planning, urban design, and economic development issues. The Senior Planner acts as the leader on complex planning projects. The Senior Planner is responsible for the on going development and implementation of the Town's General Plan, Development Code, and other regulations and guidelines for the Town's growing development needs. The Senior Planner coordinates with or acts as the liaison with task forces, study groups, and Town Boards and Commissions. The Senior Planner takes public comments and input on planning an development issues. Then prepares reports and makes presentations to the various Boards, the public and additional groups. The Senior Planner prepares Council Action reports, ordinances, and resolutions when needed.

Education and Experience: Master's Degree in a planning related field plus two (2) years experience working in a municipal planning department or in a similar capacity, or Bachelor's Degree in a planning related field plus five (5) years experience working in a municipal planning department or in a similar capacity; or an equivalent combination of training and experience that provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the duties of the position.

Preferred:

American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) certification.

How to Apply

Open until filled; first application review date is December 4, 2020. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply. Visit our website at www.florenceaz.gov for our Employment Application and instructions to apply. The Town of Florence is an EEO/ADA employer. Please send employment application, resume and cover letter to:

NOTE: The full pay range is advertised for information purposes but the typical hiring range is up to midpoint

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