



# Planning & Development Department Department Directive



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**Purpose:** To clarify that special use permits are subject to zoning ordinance procedures and are subject to the comprehensive plan amendment process

**Reference:** Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance, Article XXVII

**Policy/Procedure:**

Section 2401 of the Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance allows special use permits in zoning districts from which they are otherwise prohibited by the ordinance. Because the process for obtaining special use permits is contained within the zoning ordinance, and they are subject to the same procedures as other zoning entitlements, special use permits are also subject to the comprehensive plan amendment process when they do not comply with the county’s comprehensive/area plan and total 40 or more acres.

Potential applicants should be notified when comprehensive plan amendments are necessary for special use permits, principally at the pre-application meeting.