



## Finance Department

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### Notice of Pending Financial Statement Filing

**Date: 3/31/2022**

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §9-481 requires cities and towns to file a copy of their financial statements with the Arizona Auditor General pursuant to A.R.S. §41-1279.07 within 9 months after the close of each fiscal year. These financial statements must be posted in a prominent location on the city's or town's official website within 7 business days of filing the reports with the Arizona Auditor General.

We posted this form on our website in place of the financial statements until we file the financial statements with the Arizona Auditor General. We have sent a copy of this form to the Arizona Auditor General, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate.

If the financial statements are not completed as prescribed on or before our budget-adoption process pursuant to A.R.S. §§42-17103 and 42-17105, this form will be published in the budget for the subsequent fiscal year to notify taxpayers that the required financial statements are pending and of the reasons for the delay and the estimated date of completion.

**Entity Name:** Town of Gila Bend

**Fiscal reporting year:** 2021

#### Reason for delay report

The Town of Gila Bend finance department has experienced three issues that have directly affected the department and our workload.

- In May of 2021 we lost a key employee and is still working on training our unfamiliar staff to fulfill this position.
- On August 14, 2021, the entire Town suffered a flood which has created an enormous amount of work for this department, being that fifteen projects were identified and approved by Maricopa County Emergency Services for reimbursement. Reimbursements for these 3 projects require submitting LEMO's with loads of backup.
- In January, the Finance Director suffered COVID, was out for weeks and upon returning has and is still suffering from fatigue and brain fog.

**Estimated date of completion:** June 30, 2022

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