Office of Arizona Attorney General

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Legislator Request for Attorney General Investigation of Alleged State-Law Violation by County, City, or Town



How to Submit a Request to Investigate

Under A.R.S. § 41-194.01, one or more members of the Legislature may ask the Attorney General to investigate whether an ordinance, regulation, order, or other official action adopted or taken by the governing body of a county, city, or town violates state law or the Arizona constitution. A request is made by submitting the form on pages 2-3 of this document to the Attorney General's Office (the "Office"). The physical address or email to submit the form is provided on the bottom of page 3.

Upon receiving a request, the Office will open an investigation. A request will not be deemed received, however, and therefore the 30-day investigation period will not start, until all required information is submitted. In addition, a separate request form must be submitted for each separate legal question. An attorney or staff member from the Office will reach out to the contact person identified in the request form to address any issues that prevent the Office from commencing an investigation.

How We Conduct Investigations

After a complete request is deemed received by the Office, the assigned attorney(s) and staff will conduct an investigation during a thirty-day period. The Office generally will contact the county, city, or town for a response to the allegations and any other relevant evidence. At the conclusion of this investigation period, the Attorney General will make a written report of findings and conclusions, including whether the complained-of action violates, may violate, or does not violate state law and the Arizona constitution. Copies of the report will be provided to the member(s) of the Legislature who made the request and other officials listed in A.R.S. § 41-194.01.

If the Attorney General determines the complained-of action violates state law, the Office will then provide notice to the county, city, or town that it has thirty days to resolve the violation. If the violation is not resolved within that timeframe, the Office will notify the Treasurer pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-194.01. If the Attorney General determines that the complained-of action may violate state law, the Office will take steps to obtain a judicial determination of the issue. If the Attorney General determines that the complained-of action does not violate state law, the Office will close the complaint file and take no further action.

How You Can Help Us

To expedite an investigation, please provide as much specific information as possible about the alleged violation, including the specific county, city, or town action that constitutes the violation; the specific state law or Arizona constitutional provision violated; the relevant facts, such as the dates of key events and names of persons with relevant knowledge; and all legal authority you are aware of regarding your allegations. Please also attach any documents or other evidence relevant to your allegations.

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