

**SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA
INDIAN COMMUNITY**
10005 East Osborn Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256

ORDINANCE NUMBER SRO-598-2025

AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 4, SECTION 4 (a)-(d), OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ALLOW ATTORNEYS TO PRACTICE IN CIVIL CASES FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS.

BE IT ENACTED THAT:

This ordinance amends Chapter 4, Sections 4(a)-(d), of the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Code of Ordinances, and therefore be it enacted that:

Sec. 4-4. Professional attorneys and lay advocates.

(a) Professional attorneys.

(1) Professional attorneys shall be permitted to practice in all divisions or case types in Community Court from the date of enactment of this ordinance until January 1, 2028. This provision may be amended, extended, or repealed based on ongoing needs.

(2) Any person appearing before the Community Court may be represented by a professional attorney or advocate provided that the professional attorney or advocate is admitted to practice pursuant to the rules of the Community Court.

(3) In all criminal matters, criminal defendants shall be appointed the assistance of counsel in accordance with the rules of criminal procedure, which rules may be amended from time to time.

(b) Lay advocates/Attorney. Any person appearing before the Community court shall have the right at his or her own expense to have the assistance of a lay advocate or an attorney. The term "lay advocate" means any person who is duly admitted to practice before the Community court pursuant to the rules of the Community court and is not an attorney.


(c) Cooperative agreements with insurance carriers. The Community manager may, on behalf of the Community, enter into written agreements with insurance carriers who have issued policies of insurance in favor of the Community for specified risks which will allow the insurance carriers to have the assistance of the Community in the defense of actions filed in Community court for claims insured by such policies of insurance and which will ensure the full coverage of the policies of insurance and the defense of the insured parties. Any such agreement will specify the assistance to be rendered by the Community to the insurance carrier and that such assistance is consistent with and will not constitute a breach or modification of the agreements or conditions of the policies of insurance.

(d) The enactment of subsection (c) of this section is not an independent waiver of sovereign immunity.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

This Ordinance is hereby enacted pursuant to the authority contained in Article VII, Sections (c) and (k) of the Constitution of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ratified by the Tribe, February 28, 1990, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, March 19, 1990, and amended by the Tribe, February 27, 1996, and approved by the Secretary April 23, 1996, the foregoing Ordinance was adopted this 20th day of August, 2025, in a duly called meeting held by the Community Council in Salt River, Arizona at which a quorum of 9 members were present by a vote of 6 for; 3 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 excused.

**SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA
INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**



Martin Harvier, President

ATTEST:



Erica Harvier, Council Secretary

