

Public Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Civil Traffic Code Comment Period: February 26, 2026 – April 26, 2026

On Wednesday, February 25, 2026, the SRPMIC Council authorized a sixty (60) day public comment period for the proposed amendments to the Community's Civil Traffic Code. The draft ordinance does the following:

These draft changes include one ordinance amendment which is the "speeding" ordinance and also makes adjustments to the Appendix A of the Traffic Code (Chapter 16) which is the Fine Disposition Schedule. The amendments are as follows:

- The proposal includes an amendment to Section 16-215 – Speeds to be reasonable and prudent, which adds a new section that includes a speeding offense in a work zone or a construction zone. There would be a larger monetary penalty for speeding in a work zone or a construction zone.
- The new proposed code section would be 16-215(i) and would read "no person shall drive a motor vehicle on a highway or roadway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances, conditions and actual and potential hazards then existing while in or adjacent to a work zone or a construction zone.
- The new proposed code section also includes a definition for work zone and construction zone.
- The Fine Disposition Schedule in Appendix A of the Chapter 16 is a guide that individuals use to calculate the amount of fines they owe for traffic offenses when the individual just wants to pay the fine and have the process completed without appearing at Court. The Court may also use the Fine Disposition to issue sentencing orders in civil traffic matters.
- There are three (3) classifications in the Fine Disposition Schedule: Class 1 = \$100 fine, Class 2 = \$75 fine and Class 3 = \$50. The amendment would increase the classifications in the following way: Class 1 = \$300, Class 2 = \$200 and Class 3 = \$100.

You can find the full text of proposed ordinance amendments and presentation materials at:

<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/ogc/proposed-ordinances/>

Please submit all comments in writing either to the Community's intranet "Ordinance Public Comment" page, or via standard mail or email to the following:

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ORDINANCE NUMBER: SRO-_____-2026

**AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 16-215 AND APPENDIX
A OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY CODE OF
ORDINANCES TO ADD A SPEEDING VIOLATION IN WORK ZONES AND
CONSTRUCTIONS ZONES AND AMENDING THE DISPOSITION SCHEDULE FOR
CIVIL OFFENSES TO INCREASE THE FINE AMOUNTS FOR SAID OFFENSES.**

BE IT ENACTED THAT:

This ordinance amends Chapter 16, Article VI, Section 16-215 and Appendix A of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Code of Ordinances effective on [ENACTMENT DATE] as follows:

Sec. 16-215. Speeds to be reasonable and prudent.

(a) No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway **or roadway** at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances, conditions and actual and potential hazards then existing. In every event, speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the highway in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to exercise reasonable care for the protection of others.

(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section or where a special hazard requires a lesser speed, any speed in excess of these speeds shall be prima facie evidence that the speed is too great and therefore unreasonable and unlawful as follows:

- (1) Fifteen miles per hour approaching school crossing.
- (2) Twenty-five miles per hour in any residential area.
- (3) Forty-five miles per hour in other locations.

(c) The maximum lawful speed as provided in this section shall be reduced to that which is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing, such as when:

- (1) Approaching and crossing an intersection.
- (2) Approaching and going around a curve.
- (3) Approaching a hill crest.

(4) Traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway.

(5) Special hazards exist with respect to pedestrians or other traffic or by reason of weather or highway conditions.

(d) No person shall drive a motor vehicle at a speed that is less than that which is reasonable and prudent under existing conditions.

(e) The maximum speed limits set forth in this section may be altered as authorized in sections 16-218 and 16-219.

(f) The prima facie speed limits set forth in this section may be altered as authorized in section 16-218.

(g) The driver of every vehicle shall, consistent with the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, drive at an appropriate reduced speed when approaching and crossing an intersection, when approaching and going around a curve, when approaching a hill crest, when traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway, and when special hazards exist with respect to pedestrians or other traffic or by reason of weather or highway conditions.

(h) If the person exceeds the posted speed limit by more than 20 miles per hour, the violation is a criminal offense.

(i) No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a highway or roadway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances, conditions and actual and potential hazards then existing while in or adjacent to a work zone or construction zone.

(1) Work zone or construction zone means that portion of a highway or roadway where construction, maintenance, or utility work is being performed, including the adjacent area used for traffic control, and extending from the first advance warning sign or traffic control device to the last sign or traffic control device indicating the end of the zone, whether or not workers are present at the time.

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This Ordinance is hereby enacted pursuant to the authority contained in Article VII, Section 1(c)(1) 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 ____ day of _____, 2026, in a duly called meeting held by the Community Council in Salt River, Arizona at which a quorum of __ members were present by a vote of __ for; __ opposed, __ abstentions, and __ excused.

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

ATTEST:

Martin Harvier, President

Erica Harvier, Council Secretary

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Chapter 16, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Disposition Schedule, Civil Offenses*					
Article, §	Offense	Civil			Other**
		Class 1 (\$300)	Class 2 (\$200)	Class 3 (\$100)	
Article I, §	In General				
16-7	Obedience to law enforcement officers				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
16-9	Driver's duty when approaching horse or livestock			X	
16-10	Injuring, unlawfully starting, using or preventing use of vehicles				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
16-11	Placing or allowing dangerous articles on roadway			X	
16-12	Crossing fire hose				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
Article II, §	Registration, Licensing & Inspection				
16-31	Registration of motor vehicle required; exceptions			X	
16-32	Registration violations				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
16-33	Driver's License Required; penalty				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
16-34	License to operate a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle; exception.		X		
16-35	Restricted licenses				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
16-36	Possession and Display of driver license	X			
16-37	Unlawful Use of License				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
16-38	Permitting unauthorized person to drive	X			
16-39	Permitting unauthorized minor to drive; liability therefore				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
16-40	Driving on suspended license	X			
16-42	Inspection by community officers	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-43	Owner or driver to comply with inspection provisions	X, reduce to zero if repair made			

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Article III, §	Equipment				
	<i>Div. 1. Generally</i>				
16-51	Vehicle to be in good working order	X			
16-52	Vehicle to comply with article; exceptions	X			
16-53	Special requirements for motorcycles and motor-driven cycles		X		
16-54	Brakes	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-55	Horns and audible warning devices	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-56	Mufflers and air pollution control devices	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-57	Mirrors	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-58	Windshields	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-59	Tires	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-60	Rear fender splash guards	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-61	Prohibition Against Image Display Device	X			
16-62	Certain vehicles to carry flares or other warning devices	X			
16-63	disabled	X			
16-64	Vehicles transporting explosives	X			
16-66	Projecting loads	X			
	<i>Div. 2. Lights, Lamps, Reflectors and Illuminating Devices</i>				
16-71	When lamps require to be lighted	X			
16-72	lamp	X			

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16-73	Head lamps	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-74	Tail lamps	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-75	Reflectors on new motor vehicles	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-77	vehicles	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-79	Color of clearance lamps and reflectors	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-80	Mounting of reflectors and clearance and marker lamps	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-81	Visibility of reflectors and clearance and marker lamps	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-82	Lights Obstructed	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-83	Parked vehicles	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-84	Lamps on animal-drawn and other equipment or vehicles	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-85	Spot and auxiliary lamps	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-86	Signal lamps and devices	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-87	Fender, running-board and backup lamps	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-88	Multiple Lighting Specifications	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-89	Multiple beam lightning equipment usage	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-90	Single-beam lights	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-91	Alternate road-lighting equipment	X, reduce to zero if repair made			
16-92	Number of driving lamps required, permitted	X			
16-93	Special restrictions on lamps	X			
Article, §	Offense	Civil			Other**
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16-94	Head lamps on motor-driven cycles and ATV	X			
	<i>Div. 3. Seat Belt Requirements</i>				
16-95	Restraint Use for Children at least nine years of age				\$40
16-96	age				\$40
16-97	Operator and Passenger seat belt use				\$40

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Article IV, § Size, Weight & Scope					
16-103	Liability for damage resulting from overweight load				TBD upon filing of a civil action brought by the Community
16-104	Width of vehicle and load	X			
16-105	Projecting loads on passenger vehicles	X			
16-106	Height and length of vehicle loads	X			
16-107	Length of load projection	X			
16-108	Loads and covers to be secured	X			
16-109	Towed vehicles	X			
16-110	Single-axel load limit				See Table. Min \$100 to \$500; Max \$2,500
16-111	Gross weight of vehicles and loads				See Table. Min \$100 to \$500; Max \$2,500
16-112	vehicles, weigh, and require removal of excess weight				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
16-113	Permit for excess size and weight				Permit Fees
Article V, § Traffic-Control Devices					
16-122	Obedience to devices required; exception	X			
Article, §	Offense	Civil			Other**
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16-124	Flashing signals	X			
16-125	Stop signs and yield signs	X			
16-127	Pedestrian control signals			X	
16-128	Construction or road work site warning devices	X			
16-129	signs	X			
Article VI, § Operation of Vehicles					
	<i>Div. 1. Generally</i>				
16-141	Operation of vehicles by non-members on land other than Community roadways	X			Plus Civil Damages and vehicle impounded

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16-142	Driving on right side of roadway; exceptions	X			
16-143	Driving on roadways laned for traffic and rotary traffic islands	X			
16-144	Driving on divided highways	X			
16-145	Drivers on controlled access roadways to use only authorized entrances and exits	X			
16-146	Driving on mountain highways		X		
16-147	Moving parked vehicle			X	
16-148	riders and passengers to ride on designated seats		X		
16-149	Operation of vehicles upon approach of authorized emergency vehicle	X			
16-150	Operation of vehicle upon approach of school bus	X			
16-151	Following too closely			X	
16-152	Coasting prohibited			X	
16-153	Turning movements; signals required			X	
16-154	Signals by hand and arm or device			X	
16-155	Method of giving hand and arm signals			X	
16-156	Required positions and method of turning at intersections	X			

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16-157	Turning on curve or crest of grade prohibited	X			
16-158	Backing			X	
16-159	Obstruction of driver's view or interference with the driver's control of vehicle	X			
	<i>Div. 2. Right-of-way and Passing</i>				
16-171	Right-of-way of vehicles entering intersection at same time; entering freeway		X		
16-172	intersection		X		
16-173	Right-of-way of vehicle entering through highway or stop intersection		X		
16-174	Vehicle entering highway from private road or driveway		X		
16-175	Passing vehicles proceeding in opposite directions	X			
16-176	Overtaking vehicles on the left, generally		X		
16-177	Prerequisites for overtaking on the left		X		
16-178	When driving on the left prohibited	X			
16-179	Overtaking on the right		X		
16-180	No passing zones	X			
	<i>Div. 3. Stopping, Standing and Parking</i>				
16-191	Vehicles to be parked or stopped off pavement if possible			X	
16-192	Parking, stopping, standing prohibited in specified places			X	
16-193	Parking within eighteen inches of curb			X	
16-194	Angle parking			X	
16-195	Council authorized to place signs prohibiting or restricting parking, stopping and standing			X	
16-196	Parking privilege for physically disabled	X			
16-197	Removal of illegally stopped vehicles				Costs

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		Class 1 (\$300)	Class 2 (\$200)	Class 3 (\$100)	
16-198	Stop required before emerging from alley or driveway	X			
	<i>Div. 4. Speed Restrictions</i>				
16-212	Maximum speed limit			X	
16-213	Minimum speed limit			X	
16-214	Speed limits for motor-driven cycles or ATV's			X	
16-215	Speeds to be reasonable and prudent		X		Plus \$5/every mile over & becomes a criminal offense if more than 20 miles above speed limit
16-215(i)	Speeds to be reasonable and prudent in work zones and construction zones	X			Plus \$5/every mile over & becomes a criminal offense if more than 20 miles above speed limit
16-216	Speed restriction on bridges and elevated structures	X			
16-217	Speed limits for solid-rubber tired vehicles			X	
16-218	Establishment and amendment of speed limits			X	
16-219	Speed limits on freeways			X	
16-220	Racing and drag races				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
16-221	Driving at speed which causes trailer to sway	X			
	<i>Div. 5. DUI; Reckless Driving</i>				
16-231(a)	DUI				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
16-231(b)	Extreme DUI				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
16-231(c)	Refusal to submit				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
16-234	Reckless driving				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
16-235	Liability for Emergency Responses in Flood Areas				Rescue costs
	<i>Div. 6. Truck Routes</i>				
16-237	Certain commercial vehicles prohibited on non-truck routes; exceptions	X			

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Article VII, §	Accidents				
16-240	Duty to give information and render aid	X			
16-241	Accidents involving death or injury to a person				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
16-242	Accidents involving vehicle damage only				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
16-243	Duty upon striking unattended vehicle				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
16-244	Duty upon striking fixtures upon a highway	X			
16-245	Immediate reports of certain accidents	X			
16-250	Additional Penalty for failure to report	X			
16-251	Auto Repair Shops to report	X			
Article IX, §	Pedestrians' Rights & Duties				
16-281	Right-of-way in crosswalks			X	
16-282	Crossing at other than at crosswalks			X	
16-284	Pedestrians on roadways			X	
16-285	School Crossings	X			
16-286	Use of a White Cane	X			
Article X, §	Abandoned & Seized Vehicles				
16-292	presumption	X			
16-293	Required report of abandoned and seized motor vehicle; violation				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
16-296	Required Report of towed vehicles; violations				<i>Criminal Offense</i>
Article XI, §	Bicycles & Play Vehicles				
16-301	Application of Provisions			X	
16-302	Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles			X	
Article, §	Offense	Civil			Other**
		Class 1 (\$300)	Class 2 (\$200)	Class 3 (\$100)	
16-303	Riding on roadways and bicycle paths			X	

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16-304	Manner of riding			X	
16-305	Carrying articles			X	
16-306	Lamps and other equipment on bicycles			X	
16-307	Clinging to vehicles	X			
*From page 1	Description	Action by schedule or Code section			
First Offense	Civil traffic violation	Apply above schedule			
Unenumerated	Any traffic offense not on this schedule	Follow § 16-2 and/or specific offense			
Criminal	Various criminal penalties. Note above classification schedule is limited to civil traffic offenses.	Follow § 16-2 (b)(2) and/or specific offense			
Interpretation	Apply schedule, harmonize and reconcile with applicable statutory provisions in case of conflict and consistent with disposition contained specific offense, if any.	§16-1 et seq.			
**	offense	Follow specific Code provision			

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Civil Traffic Code Updates



ROAD MAP

- Overview of the Civil Traffic Process.
- Civil Traffic Statistics.
- Current Fine Schedule Structure.
- Speeding in a Construction Zone.
- Proposed Fine Schedule Structure.
- Fines for Equipment Violations.
- Council Guidance.



OVERVIEW OF THE CIVIL TRAFFIC PROCESS



Civil Traffic Code enacted 1/1/2014

Section 16-2: Maximum penalty for civil offenses is a fine up to \$500.

Civil Traffic Code applies to Native Americans and Non-Indians (if they consent to jurisdiction).

Benefit to the Tribal Civil Traffic Process = lower fines + no reporting to MVD / Insurance.

Traffic Citation Issued --> Option to Pay Fine(s) --> Initial Appearance --> Option to Admit / Deny Allegations --> Default Judgment if Failure to Appear --> Informal Hearing.



CIVIL TRAFFIC STATISTICS CHARGES ISSUED



2023

- Stateside Citations = 4,729
- Tribal Citations = 2,866
- Native Americans Cited = 1,031
- Non-Native Americans Cited = 6,533

2024

- Stateside Citations = 2,744
- Tribal Citations = 5,156
- Native Americans Cited = 775
- Non-Native Americans Cited = 7,123



CIVIL TRAFFIC STATISTICS FINES ISSUED



2023
• \$394,450

2024
• \$670,290

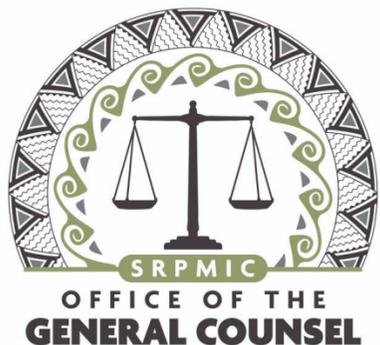


CURRENT FINE SCHEDULE STRUCTURE

Civil Traffic Offenses are Classified in 3 Ways

- Class 1 = \$100 Fine.
- Class 2 = \$75 Fine.
- Class 3 = \$50 Fine.

The issue with the current structure is that the fines are significantly lower than stateside fines which doesn't act as a deterrent therefore causing safety concerns on the roads in the Community.



PROPOSED NEW CIVIL TRAFFIC OFFENSE

Speeding in a Construction Zone

16-215(i) No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a highway or a roadway at a speed greater than reasonable and prudent under the circumstances, conditions and actual and potential hazards then existing while in or adjacent to a work zone or construction zone.



PROPOSED FINE SCHEDULE STRUCTURE

Civil Traffic Offenses would be Classified in 3
Ways

- Class 1 = \$300 Fine.
- Class 2 = \$200 Fine.
- Class 3 = \$100 Fine.

The proposed schedule is more consistent with
stateside fines however it is still slightly less in
most cases.



FINES FOR EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS



Current Fine Schedule has basic equipment violations listed as a Class 1 Offense = \$100 fine but reduced to zero if repaired.

If the Proposed Fine Schedule is enacted, what level of Class Offense should basic equipment violations be?



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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Record Comments at Public Meetings

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