



TOWN OF JEROME

POST OFFICE BOX 335, JEROME, ARIZONA 86331
(928) 634-7943 www.jerome.az.gov

AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING OF THE JEROME TOWN COUNCIL CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021 AT 3:00 PM

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING

Members of the public are welcome to participate in the meeting via the following options:

1. Zoom Conference
 - a. Computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9286347943>
 - b. Telephone: 1 669 900 6833 Meeting ID: 928 634 7943
2. Submitting questions and comments:
 - a. If attending by Zoom video conference, click the chat button and enter your name and what you would like to address.
 - b. Email c.galloagher@jerome.az.gov (Please submit comments at least one hour prior to the meeting.)

NOTE: FOR THOSE WITHOUT HOME INTERNET: A drive-up internet hotspot is now available in the parking lot in front of the Jerome Public Library. Bring your device and access the internet while sitting in your car. The network is **Sparklight Yavapai Free WIFI** and no password is required.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02 notice is hereby given to the members of the Council and to the General Public that the Jerome Town Council plans to hold the above meeting. Persons with a disability may request an accommodation such as a sign language interpreter by contacting Rosa Cays, Deputy Clerk, at 928-634-7943. Requests should be made early enough to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

A copy of the full public meeting packet may be reviewed at the offices of Jerome Town Hall during normal business hours, and on the Town's website at www.jerome.az.gov.

ITEM #1:	CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL Mayor/Chairperson to call meeting to order. Town Clerk to call and record the roll.	
ITEM #2:	COVID-19 Council will discuss the current uptick in COVID-19 cases, whether to reinstate COVID restrictions at Town Hall, the library and/or the public shuttle, and whether future public meetings will be conducted in-person or via Zoom.	Sponsored by Vice Mayor Mandy Worth Discussion; Possible Action
ITEM #3:	ADJOURNMENT	

The Town Council may recess the public meeting and convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney, who may participate telephonically, regarding any item listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3).

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this notice and agenda was posted at the following locations on or before _____ on _____ in accordance with the statement filed by the Jerome Town Council with the Jerome Town Clerk.

970 Gulch Road, side of Gulch Fire Station, exterior posting case
600 Clark Street, Jerome Town Hall, exterior posting case
120 Main Street, Jerome Post Office, interior posting case

Rosa Cays, Deputy Town Clerk



Yavapai County Buildings Closed to the Public

This past Monday, Yavapai County Community Health Services (YCCHS) reported 159 new positive Covid-19 cases from the weekend. For the past few weeks, we have seen our positive case numbers continue to increase from a low of around 20 to over 100 new cases a day. We believe this sudden increase is caused by the more contagious Delta variant of the Covid virus, as well as the fact that the majority of Yavapai County residents have not received their vaccination.

Effective Thursday, August 5, 2021, all Yavapai County buildings, will be closed to the public until further notice. This does not apply to the Yavapai County Superior or Justice Courts.

Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Chairman Craig Brown said, "I am taking this action because I believe it is the right and necessary thing to do. Protecting Yavapai County residents and employees is as important to me as protecting my own family. I know this closure is an inconvenience to everyone who has come to expect and appreciate convenient access to Yavapai County services, but I feel that it is necessary at this time. I will continue to closely monitor the Covid numbers and will reopen the buildings just as soon as it is safe to do so."

As we did during previous closures, Yavapai County services and business will continue to operate. Members of the public can call ahead to make an appointment or go to the building entrances and call the number of the department to get assistance. County employees will come out and assist the public as we did in the previous building closure. County employees will wear masks while assisting the public and we are requiring the public to wear masks while conducting business with our employees.

Chairman Brown went on to explain, "I am thankful for your patience as we work through these latest efforts to fight the spread of Covid and would appreciate those of you who have received their vaccination to encourage your friends and family to do so as well. I have found it helps to tell others about your experience receiving the shot as well as those of you who had the virus, sharing what your experience was like. While most people who catch the virus will survive, 99% of the Covid deaths are unvaccinated persons, and those that do survive, the lingering effects can be significant."