



## **LUAL**

**(Land Use Assistance Lifeline)**

### **LAND USE LAWSUITS**

If a city or town is sued over a land use or zoning dispute, the Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool (AMRRP) may pay 80% of the legal obligations incurred. However, you remain responsible for the following:

- The time and cost of collecting and providing copies of documents
- The time and cost of staff interviews or depositions
- The loss of staff productivity while they spend time at a court trial
- 20% of the legal fees, costs and plaintiffs damages

AMRRP estimates that for every dollar it pays on your behalf, your city or town incurs an additional administrative expense of 35 cents in addition to 20% of legal expenses and indemnity payments.

Although many laws exist to protect the rights of property owners to use their land, this does not mean a municipality cannot regulate land use and zoning. Cities and towns should take steps to protect themselves from lawsuits by following the proper procedures.

**LUAL** offers AMRRP Members up to **two** hours of free legal advice per land use issue. To access **LUAL**, call **Kevin Buchanan**, Southwest Risk Services (888) 309-4339.