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### **Town of Clarkdale Office Hours to Change Beginning January 2, 2009**

*Clarkdale, Arizona – Office Hours Will be Extended Monday-Thursday Until 5:30 p.m., and all Offices Will be Closed on Fridays*

In light of continuing revenue shortfalls, and the corresponding need to reduce expenses, Clarkdale Town Manager Gayle Mabery has implemented a Monday-Thursday office hour schedule beginning in January, 2009. Town office hours will be extended four days per week by one hour, resulting in office hours from 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday. The first Friday closure will be January 2, 2009 and the Monday-Thursday operating hours will start on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

To realize the reduction in expenses, the majority of the Town's employees will reduce their work hours by 10% by converting from a 40-hour work week to a 36-hour work week. Other employees will see a 10% reduction in their salaries or hourly rates of pay.

Mabery reported to the Clarkdale Town Council in October and November that, "All across the country, leaders are facing difficult choices in the face of the sagging economy and falling local government revenues. Clarkdale is no exception. With revenues coming in lower than anticipated, the Town is looking at some creative and necessary ways to balance the FY 2008-09 Budget."

After making the decision to implement the compressed work week and corresponding salary reductions, she notes, "Even with these scheduling changes, our commitment to protecting and enhancing the quality of life in Clarkdale and to providing quality community services remain as our priorities."