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## **City of Douglas Addresses the Food City Closure**

**DOUGLAS, ARIZ. (August 6, 2021)** - On July 28, 2021, Bashas' Inc. announced that they will be closing the Food City store in Douglas effective October 2. In regards to the closure, Mayor Donald C. Huish stated, "We are saddened to hear the news of the closure of Food City, a staple in our community." Huish continued, "Food City has been an integral part in attending to our community's needs for decades, not just with groceries but with jobs."

Since the announcement, city officials have been in communication with Bashas' corporate offices to find out more information about the closure. Bashas' representatives informed the city that the store's upcoming lease renewal led the company to evaluate the store's current and future viability. Bashas' then cited operating losses spanning over a decade and what they said to be a gradual decrease in population in Douglas as factors for the decision to close the Douglas store.

City administration officials will meet with Bashas' Inc. early next week to discuss the closure and what their departure would mean to Douglas. Interim City Manager Luis Pedroza stated, "We want this opportunity to provide Food City officials with our data and demographics as well as present them with concepts and ideas for their consideration. We want to support Food City in any way we can and we hope that Bashas' Inc. can continue to be part of our community in some form."

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