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The Northern Arizona Suns announced this week the team will be leaving the Findlay Toyota Center. Public Affairs Advisor Maria Baier said the Covid-19 pandemic forced the move.

“As you might imagine, the impact that the global pandemic has had on the sports and entertainment industry has forced our organization to evaluate how we manage our business including the streamlining of operations. One aspect of a reorganization requires us to move the Northern Arizona Suns from Prescott and the Prescott Valley Event Center. Sadly, when the 2020-21 G-League season tips off, the team will be playing at a location, to be determined, in the Phoenix metro area, allowing us to share efficiencies and resources with the rest of the Suns organization,” Baier said.

“Please know our time in Prescott Valley is filled with many special memories. We found a loyal, supportive fan base that made our organization, its players, coaches and staff feel welcome, and we are eternally grateful for all the support. Unfortunately, without the ability to host live events, the economic realities are stark and the Phoenix Suns organization had to make difficult choices and apply cost-cutting measures to our G-League franchise. As always, we wish you and the entire Prescott Valley community well.”

Prescott Valley Mayor Kell Palguta said while it is unfortunate when an anchor tenant such as the Northern Arizona Suns leaves a facility such as the Findlay Toyota Center, the Town and the event center staff is looking toward the future.

“The goals and commitment of the arena staff will be to continue to put on great entertainment and events for our community. We hope to have a long-term tenant in place as soon as the opportunity presents itself, perhaps even another minor league hockey team,” Palguta said.