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	COMMON OR COMMUNITY AREA AMENDMENTS
	2017 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
LONG T	ITLE
General 1	Description:
Tl	nis bill modifies provisions related to common or community areas and land use.
Highligh	ted Provisions:
Tl	nis bill:
•	addresses ownership and modification of a parcel designated as a common or
	community area on a recorded plat; and
•	makes technical changes.
Money A	ppropriated in this Bill:
N	one
Other Sp	pecial Clauses:
N	one
Utah Coo	de Sections Affected:
AMEND	S:
10	0-9a-606 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 327
17	7-27a-606 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 327
Be it enac	cted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
Se	ection 1. Section 10-9a-606 is amended to read:
10)-9a-606. Common area parcels on a plat No separate ownership
Ownersh	ip interest equally divided among other parcels on plat and included in
descripti	on of other parcels.
(1) (a) A parcel designated as a common [or community] area and facility, as defined in
Section 5	7-8-3, or a common area, as defined in Section 57-8a-102, on a plat recorded in
complian	ce with this part may not be separately owned or conveyed independent of the other
lots, units	, or parcels created by the plat [unless:].
<u>(b</u>) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply if:
(i)	the parcel is being acquired by a municipality for a governmental purpose; [and] or

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33	(ii) the conveyance is approved by:
34	(A) the owners of at least $[75%]$ 67% of the lots, units, or parcels on the plat, after the
35	municipality gives its approval[-];
36	(B) if the conveyance will occur during the period of administrative control, as defined
37	in Section 57-8-3 or 57-8a-102, the declarant, as defined in Section 57-8-3 or 57-8a-102; and
38	(C) if the conveyance will result in a violation of an ordinance in effect at the time the
39	plat was recorded that regulated the amount of open space required for approval of the plat,
40	regardless of whether the ordinance is currently in effect, the municipality.
41	[(b)] (c) A notice of the [owner] approval described in Subsection (1)[(a)](b)(ii) shall
42	be:
43	(i) attached as an exhibit to the document of conveyance; or
44	(ii) recorded concurrently with the conveyance as a separate document.
45	(2) The ownership interest in a parcel described in Subsection (1)(a) shall:
46	(a) for purposes of assessment, be divided equally among all parcels created by the
47	plat, unless a different division of interest for assessment purposes is indicated on the plat or an
48	accompanying recorded document; and
49	(b) be considered to be included in the description of each instrument describing a
50	parcel on the plat by its identifying plat number, even if the common or community area
51	interest is not explicitly stated in the instrument.
52	(3) A parcel [designated as common or community area on a plat before, on, or after
53	May 12, 2015,] described in Subsection (1)(a) may be modified in size and location if the
54	modification:
55	(a) is approved as part of a subdivision plat amendment by the local government;
56	(b) is approved by at least $[75\%]$ 67% of the voting interests in a homeowners
57	association having an interest in the common or community area, if any;
58	(c) is approved by at least $[75\%]$ 67% of the owners of lots, units, or parcels on the plat
59	if there is no homeowners association having an interest in the common or community area, if
60	any; and
61	(d) does not create a new buildable lot.
62	(4) A parcel [designated as common or community area on a plat before, on, or after
63	May 12, 2015,] described in Subsection (1)(a) may be modified in size without a subdivision

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64	plat amendment approval by the local government, if the modification:
65	(a) is a lot line adjustment approved by at least $[75\%]$ 67% of the voting interests in a
66	homeowners association having an interest in the common or community area, if any;
67	(b) is approved by at least $[75\%]$ 67% of the owners of lots, units, or parcels on the plat
68	if there is no homeowners association having an interest in the common or community area, if
69	any; and
70	(c) does not create a new buildable lot.
71	(5) The provisions of this section apply regardless of when the parcel is designated as a
72	common area and facility, as defined in Section 57-8-3, or a common area, as defined in
73	Section 57-8a-102.
74	Section 2. Section 17-27a-606 is amended to read:
75	17-27a-606. Common area parcels on a plat No separate ownership
76	Ownership interest equally divided among other parcels on plat and included in
77	description of other parcels.
78	(1) (a) A parcel designated as a common [or community area] area and facility, as
79	defined in Section 57-8-3, or a common area, as defined in Section 57-8a-102, on a plat
80	recorded in compliance with this part may not be separately owned or conveyed independent of
81	the other lots, units, or parcels created by the plat [unless:].
82	(b) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply if:
83	(i) the parcel is being acquired by a county for a governmental purpose; [and] or
84	(ii) the conveyance is approved by:
85	(A) the owners of at least $[75%]$ $67%$ of the lots, units, or parcels on the plat, after the
86	county gives its approval[:];
87	(B) if the conveyance will occur during the period of administrative control, as defined
88	in Section 57-8-3 or 57-8a-102, the declarant, as defined in Section 57-8-3 or 57-8a-102; and
89	(C) if the conveyance will result in a violation of an ordinance in effect at the time the
90	plat was recorded that regulated the amount of open space required for approval of the plat,
91	regardless of whether the ordinance is currently in effect, the county.
92	[(b)] (c) A notice of the approval [required] described in Subsection (1)[(a)](b)(ii) shall
93	be:
94	(i) attached as an exhibit to the document of conveyance; or

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95 (ii) recorded concurrently with the conveyance as a separate document. 96 (2) The ownership interest in a parcel described in Subsection (1)(a) shall: 97 (a) for purposes of assessment, be divided equally among all parcels created by the 98 plat, unless a different division of interest for assessment purposes is indicated on the plat or an 99 accompanying recorded document; and 100 (b) be considered to be included in the description of each instrument describing a 101 parcel on the plat by its identifying plat number, even if the common or community area 102 interest is not explicitly stated in the instrument. (3) A parcel [designated as common or community area on a plat before, on, or after 103 104 May 12, 2015, described in Subsection (1)(a) may be modified in size and location if the 105 modification: 106 (a) is approved as part of a subdivision plat amendment by the local government; 107 (b) is approved by at least [75%] 67% of the voting interests in a homeowners 108 association having an interest in the common or community area, if any; 109 (c) is approved by at least [75%] 67% of the owners of lots, units, or parcels on the plat 110 if there is no homeowners association having an interest in the common or community area, if 111 any; and 112 (d) does not create a new buildable lot. 113 (4) A parcel [designated as common or community area on a plat before, on, or after 114 May 12, 2015, described in Subsection (1)(a) may be modified in size without a subdivision 115 plat amendment approval by the local government, if the modification: 116 (a) is a lot line adjustment approved by at least [75%] 67% of the voting interests in a 117 homeowners association having an interest in the common or community area, if any; (b) is approved by at least [75%] 67% of the owners of lots, units, or parcels on the plat 118 119 if there is no homeowners association having an interest in the common or community area, if 120 any; and 121 (c) does not create a new buildable lot. 122 (5) The provisions of this section apply regardless of when the parcel is designated as a

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common area and facility, as defined in Section 57-8-3, or a common area, as defined in

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Section 57-8a-102.