

Part 5 Land Use Ordinances

10-9a-501 Authority to enact land use ordinances and zoning map.

The legislative body may enact land use ordinances and a zoning map consistent with the purposes set forth in this chapter.

Amended by Chapter 240, 2006 General Session

10-9a-502 Preparation and adoption of land use ordinance or zoning map.

- (1) The planning commission shall:
 - (a) provide notice as required by Subsection 10-9a-205(1)(a) and, if applicable, Subsection 10-9a-205(4);
 - (b) hold a public hearing on a proposed land use ordinance or zoning map;
 - (c) if applicable, consider each written objection filed in accordance with Subsection 10-9a-205(4) prior to the public hearing; and
 - (d)
 - (i) prepare and recommend to the legislative body a proposed land use ordinance or ordinances and zoning map that represent the planning commission's recommendation for regulating the use and development of land within all or any part of the area of the municipality; and
 - (ii) forward to the legislative body all objections filed in accordance with Subsection 10-9a-205(4).
- (2) The municipal legislative body shall consider each proposed land use ordinance and zoning map recommended to it by the planning commission, and, after providing notice as required by Subsection 10-9a-205(1)(b) and holding a public meeting, the legislative body may adopt or reject the ordinance or map either as proposed by the planning commission or after making any revision the municipal legislative body considers appropriate.

Amended by Chapter 324, 2013 General Session

10-9a-503 Land use ordinance or zoning map amendments -- Historic district or area.

- (1) The legislative body may amend:
 - (a) the number, shape, boundaries, or area of any zoning district;
 - (b) any regulation of or within the zoning district; or
 - (c) any other provision of a land use ordinance.
- (2) The legislative body may not make any amendment authorized by this section unless the amendment was proposed by the planning commission or was first submitted to the planning commission for its recommendation.
- (3) The legislative body shall comply with the procedure specified in Section 10-9a-502 in preparing and adopting an amendment to a land use ordinance or a zoning map.
- (4)
 - (a) As used in this Subsection (4):
 - (i) "Condominium project" means the same as that term is defined in Section 57-8-3.
 - (ii) "Local historic district or area" means a geographically or thematically definable area that contains any combination of buildings, structures, sites, objects, landscape features,

archeological sites, or works of art that contribute to the historic preservation goals of a legislative body.

- (iii) "Unit" means the same as that term is defined in Section 57-8-3.
- (b) If a municipality provides a process by which one or more residents of the municipality may initiate the creation of a local historic district or area, the process shall require that:
 - (i) more than 33% of the property owners within the boundaries of the proposed local historic district or area agree in writing to the creation of the proposed local historic district or area;
 - (ii) before any property owner agrees to the creation of a proposed local historic district or area under Subsection (4)(b)(i), the municipality prepare and distribute, to each property owner within the boundaries of the proposed local historic district or area, a neutral information pamphlet that:
 - (A) describes the process to create a local historic district or area; and
 - (B) lists the pros and cons of a local historic district or area;
 - (iii) after the property owners satisfy the requirement described in Subsection (4)(b)(i), for each parcel or, if the parcel contains a condominium project, each unit, within the boundaries of the proposed local historic district or area, the municipality provide:
 - (A) a second copy of the neutral information pamphlet described in Subsection (4)(b)(ii); and
 - (B) one public support ballot that, subject to Subsection (4)(c), allows the owner or owners of record to vote in favor of or against the creation of the proposed local historic district or area;
 - (iv) in a vote described in Subsection (4)(b)(iii)(B), the returned public support ballots that reflect a vote in favor of the creation of the proposed local historic district or area:
 - (A) equal at least two-thirds of the returned public support ballots; and
 - (B) represent more than 50% of the parcels and units within the proposed local historic district or area;
 - (v) if a local historic district or area proposal fails in a vote described in Subsection (4)(b)(iii)(B), the legislative body may override the vote and create the proposed local historic district or area with an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the legislative body; and
 - (vi) if a local historic district or area proposal fails in a vote described in Subsection (4)(b)(iii)(B) and the legislative body does not override the vote under Subsection (4)(b)(v), a resident may not initiate the creation of a local historic district or area that includes more than 50% of the same property as the failed local historic district or area proposal for four years after the day on which the public support ballots for the vote are due.
- (c) In a vote described in Subsection (4)(b)(iii)(B):
 - (i) a property owner is eligible to vote regardless of whether the property owner is an individual, a private entity, or a public entity;
 - (ii) the municipality shall count no more than one public support ballot for:
 - (A) each parcel within the boundaries of the proposed local historic district or area; or
 - (B) if the parcel contains a condominium project, each unit within the boundaries of the proposed local historic district or area; and
 - (iii) if a parcel or unit has more than one owner of record, the municipality shall count a public support ballot for the parcel or unit only if the public support ballot reflects the vote of the property owners who own at least a 50% interest in the parcel or unit.
- (d) The requirements described in Subsection (4)(b)(iv) apply to the creation of a local historic district or area that is:
 - (i) initiated in accordance with a municipal process described in Subsection (4)(b); and
 - (ii) not complete on or before January 1, 2016.
- (e) A vote described in Subsection (4)(b)(iii)(B) is not subject to Title 20A, Election Code.

Amended by Chapter 404, 2016 General Session

10-9a-504 Temporary land use regulations.

- (1)
 - (a) A municipal legislative body may, without prior consideration of or recommendation from the planning commission, enact an ordinance establishing a temporary land use regulation for any part or all of the area within the municipality if:
 - (i) the legislative body makes a finding of compelling, countervailing public interest; or
 - (ii) the area is unregulated.
 - (b) A temporary land use regulation under Subsection (1)(a) may prohibit or regulate the erection, construction, reconstruction, or alteration of any building or structure or any subdivision approval.
 - (c) A temporary land use regulation under Subsection (1)(a) may not impose an impact fee or other financial requirement on building or development.
- (2) The municipal legislative body shall establish a period of limited effect for the ordinance not to exceed six months.
- (3)
 - (a) A municipal legislative body may, without prior planning commission consideration or recommendation, enact an ordinance establishing a temporary land use regulation prohibiting construction, subdivision approval, and other development activities within an area that is the subject of an Environmental Impact Statement or a Major Investment Study examining the area as a proposed highway or transportation corridor.
 - (b) A regulation under Subsection (3)(a):
 - (i) may not exceed six months in duration;
 - (ii) may be renewed, if requested by the Transportation Commission created under Section 72-1-301, for up to two additional six-month periods by ordinance enacted before the expiration of the previous regulation; and
 - (iii) notwithstanding Subsections (3)(b)(i) and (ii), is effective only as long as the Environmental Impact Statement or Major Investment Study is in progress.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 254, 2005 General Session

10-9a-505 Zoning districts.

- (1)
 - (a) The legislative body may divide the territory over which it has jurisdiction into zoning districts of a number, shape, and area that it considers appropriate to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
 - (b) Within those zoning districts, the legislative body may regulate and restrict the erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, or use of buildings and structures, and the use of land.
 - (c) A municipality may enact an ordinance regulating land use and development in a flood plain or potential geologic hazard area to:
 - (i) protect life; and
 - (ii) prevent:
 - (A) the substantial loss of real property; or
 - (B) substantial damage to real property.

- (2) The legislative body shall ensure that the regulations are uniform for each class or kind of buildings throughout each zoning district, but the regulations in one zone may differ from those in other zones.
- (3)
 - (a) There is no minimum area or diversity of ownership requirement for a zone designation.
 - (b) Neither the size of a zoning district nor the number of landowners within the district may be used as evidence of the illegality of a zoning district or of the invalidity of a municipal decision.
- (4) A municipality may by ordinance exempt from specific zoning district standards a subdivision of land to accommodate the siting of a public utility infrastructure.

Amended by Chapter 327, 2015 General Session

10-9a-505.5 Limit on single family designation.

- (1) As used in this section, "single-family limit" means the number of unrelated individuals allowed to occupy each residential unit that is recognized by a land use authority in a zone permitting occupancy by a single family.
- (2) A municipality may not adopt a single-family limit that is less than:
 - (a) three, if the municipality has within its boundary:
 - (i) a state university; or
 - (ii) a private university with a student population of at least 20,000; or
 - (b) four, for each other municipality.

Amended by Chapter 172, 2012 General Session

10-9a-506 Regulating annexed territory.

- (1) The legislative body of each municipality shall assign a land use zone or a variety thereof to territory annexed to the municipality at the time the territory is annexed.
- (2) If the legislative body fails to assign a land use zone at the time the territory is annexed, all land uses within the annexed territory shall be compatible with surrounding uses within the municipality.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 254, 2005 General Session

10-9a-507 Conditional uses.

- (1) A land use ordinance may include conditional uses and provisions for conditional uses that require compliance with standards set forth in an applicable ordinance.
- (2)
 - (a) A conditional use shall be approved if reasonable conditions are proposed, or can be imposed, to mitigate the reasonably anticipated detrimental effects of the proposed use in accordance with applicable standards.
 - (b) If the reasonably anticipated detrimental effects of a proposed conditional use cannot be substantially mitigated by the proposal or the imposition of reasonable conditions to achieve compliance with applicable standards, the conditional use may be denied.

Amended by Chapter 245, 2005 General Session

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 254, 2005 General Session

10-9a-508 Exactions -- Exaction for water interest -- Requirement to offer to original owner property acquired by exaction.

- (1) A municipality may impose an exaction or exactions on development proposed in a land use application, including, subject to Subsection (3), an exaction for a water interest, if:
 - (a) an essential link exists between a legitimate governmental interest and each exaction; and
 - (b) each exaction is roughly proportionate, both in nature and extent, to the impact of the proposed development.
- (2) If a land use authority imposes an exaction for another governmental entity:
 - (a) the governmental entity shall request the exaction; and
 - (b) the land use authority shall transfer the exaction to the governmental entity for which it was exacted.
- (3)
 - (a)
 - (i) A municipality shall base any exaction for a water interest on the culinary water authority's established calculations of projected water interest requirements.
 - (ii) Upon an applicant's request, the culinary water authority shall provide the applicant with the basis for the culinary water authority's calculations under Subsection (3)(a)(i) on which an exaction for a water interest is based.
 - (b) A municipality may not impose an exaction for a water interest if the culinary water authority's existing available water interests exceed the water interests needed to meet the reasonable future water requirement of the public, as determined under Subsection 73-1-4(2)(f).
- (4)
 - (a) If a municipality plans to dispose of surplus real property that was acquired under this section and has been owned by the municipality for less than 15 years, the municipality shall first offer to reconvey the property, without receiving additional consideration, to the person who granted the property to the municipality.
 - (b) A person to whom a municipality offers to reconvey property under Subsection (4)(a) has 90 days to accept or reject the municipality's offer.
 - (c) If a person to whom a municipality offers to reconvey property declines the offer, the municipality may offer the property for sale.
 - (d) Subsection (4)(a) does not apply to the disposal of property acquired by exaction by a community reinvestment agency.

Amended by Chapter 350, 2016 General Session

10-9a-509 Applicant's entitlement to land use application approval -- Exceptions -- Application relating to land in a high priority transportation corridor -- Municipality's requirements and limitations -- Vesting upon submission of development plan and schedule.

- (1)
 - (a)
 - (i) An applicant who has filed a complete land use application, including the payment of all application fees, is entitled to substantive land use review of the land use application under the land use laws in effect on the date that the application is complete and as further provided in this section.
 - (ii) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), an applicant is entitled to approval of a land use application if the application conforms to the requirements of the municipality's land use maps, zoning map, a municipal specification for public improvements applicable to

a subdivision or development, and an applicable land use ordinance in effect when a complete application is submitted and all application fees have been paid, unless:

- (A) the land use authority, on the record, finds that a compelling, countervailing public interest would be jeopardized by approving the application; or
- (B) in the manner provided by local ordinance and before the application is submitted, the municipality has formally initiated proceedings to amend its ordinances in a manner that would prohibit approval of the application as submitted.

(b)

- (i) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(c), an applicant is not entitled to approval of a land use application until the requirements of this Subsection (1)(b) have been met if the land use application relates to land located within the boundaries of a high priority transportation corridor designated in accordance with Section 72-5-403.

(ii)

(A) A municipality shall notify the executive director of the Department of Transportation of any land use applications that relate to land located within the boundaries of a high priority transportation corridor.

(B) The notification under Subsection (1)(b)(ii)(A) shall be in writing and mailed by certified or registered mail to the executive director of the Department of Transportation.

- (iii) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(c), a municipality may not approve a land use application that relates to land located within the boundaries of a high priority transportation corridor until:

(A) 30 days after the notification under Subsection (1)(b)(ii)(A) is received by the Department of Transportation if the land use application is for a building permit; or

(B) 45 days after the notification under Subsection (1)(b)(ii)(A) is received by the Department of Transportation if the land use application is for any land use other than a building permit.

(iv)

(A) If an application is an application for a subdivision approval, including any land, subject to Subsection (1)(b)(iv)(C), located within 100 feet of the center line of a canal, the land use authority shall:

(I) within 30 days after the day on which the application is filed, notify the canal company or canal operator responsible for the canal, if the canal company or canal operator has provided information under Section 10-9a-211; and

(II) wait at least 10 days after the day on which the land use authority notifies a canal company or canal operator under Subsection (1)(b)(iv)(A)(I) to approve or reject the subdivision application described in Subsection (1)(b)(iv)(A).

(B) The notification under Subsection (1)(b)(iv)(A) shall be in writing and mailed by certified or registered mail to the canal company or canal operator contact described in Section 10-9a-211.

(C) The location of land described in Subsection (1)(b)(iv)(A) shall be:

(I) provided by a canal company or canal operator to the land use authority; and

(II)

(Aa) determined by use of mapping-grade global positioning satellite units; or

(Bb) digitized from the most recent aerial photo available to the canal company or canal operator.

(c)

- (i) A land use application is exempt from the requirements of Subsections (1)(b)(i) and (ii) if:

- (A) the land use application relates to land that was the subject of a previous land use application; and
- (B) the previous land use application described under Subsection (1)(c)(i)(A) complied with the requirements of Subsections (1)(b)(i) and (ii).
- (ii) A municipality may approve a land use application without making the required notifications under Subsection (1)(b)(ii)(A) if:
 - (A) the land use application relates to land that was the subject of a previous land use application; and
 - (B) the previous land use application described under Subsection (1)(c)(ii)(A) complied with the requirements of Subsections (1)(b)(i) and (ii).
- (d) After a municipality has complied with the requirements of Subsection (1)(b) for a land use application, the municipality may not withhold approval of the land use application for which the applicant is otherwise entitled under Subsection (1)(a).
- (e) The municipality shall process an application without regard to proceedings initiated to amend the municipality's ordinances as provided in Subsection (1)(a)(ii)(B) if:
 - (i) 180 days have passed since the proceedings were initiated; and
 - (ii) the proceedings have not resulted in an enactment that prohibits approval of the application as submitted.
- (f) An application for a land use approval is considered submitted and complete when the application is provided in a form that complies with the requirements of applicable ordinances and all applicable fees have been paid.
- (g) The continuing validity of an approval of a land use application is conditioned upon the applicant proceeding after approval to implement the approval with reasonable diligence.
- (h) A municipality may not impose on an applicant who has submitted a complete application for preliminary subdivision approval a requirement that is not expressed in:
 - (i) this chapter;
 - (ii) a municipal ordinance; or
 - (iii) a municipal specification for public improvements applicable to a subdivision or development that is in effect on the date that the applicant submits an application.
- (i) A municipality may not impose on a holder of an issued land use permit or a final, unexpired subdivision plat a requirement that is not expressed:
 - (i) in a land use permit;
 - (ii) on the subdivision plat;
 - (iii) in a document on which the land use permit or subdivision plat is based;
 - (iv) in the written record evidencing approval of the land use permit or subdivision plat;
 - (v) in this chapter; or
 - (vi) in a municipal ordinance.
- (j) A municipality may not withhold issuance of a certificate of occupancy or acceptance of subdivision improvements because of an applicant's failure to comply with a requirement that is not expressed:
 - (i) in the building permit or subdivision plat, documents on which the building permit or subdivision plat is based, or the written record evidencing approval of the land use permit or subdivision plat; or
 - (ii) in this chapter or the municipality's ordinances.
- (2) A municipality is bound by the terms and standards of applicable land use ordinances and shall comply with mandatory provisions of those ordinances.

- (3) A municipality may not, as a condition of land use application approval, require a person filing a land use application to obtain documentation regarding a school district's willingness, capacity, or ability to serve the development proposed in the land use application.
- (4) Upon a specified public agency's submission of a development plan and schedule as required in Subsection 10-9a-305(8) that complies with the requirements of that subsection, the specified public agency vests in the municipality's applicable land use maps, zoning map, hookup fees, impact fees, other applicable development fees, and land use ordinances in effect on the date of submission.

Amended by Chapter 136, 2014 General Session

10-9a-509.5 Review for application completeness -- Substantive application review -- Reasonable diligence required for determination of whether improvements or warranty work meets standards -- Money damages claim prohibited.

- (1)
 - (a) Each municipality shall, in a timely manner, determine whether an application is complete for the purposes of subsequent, substantive land use authority review.
 - (b) After a reasonable period of time to allow the municipality diligently to evaluate whether all objective ordinance-based application criteria have been met, if application fees have been paid, the applicant may in writing request that the municipality provide a written determination either that the application is:
 - (i) complete for the purposes of allowing subsequent, substantive land use authority review; or
 - (ii) deficient with respect to a specific, objective, ordinance-based application requirement.
 - (c) Within 30 days of receipt of an applicant's request under this section, the municipality shall either:
 - (i) mail a written notice to the applicant advising that the application is deficient with respect to a specified, objective, ordinance-based criterion, and stating that the application shall be supplemented by specific additional information identified in the notice; or
 - (ii) accept the application as complete for the purposes of further substantive processing by the land use authority.
 - (d) If the notice required by Subsection (1)(c)(i) is not timely mailed, the application shall be considered complete, for purposes of further substantive land use authority review.
 - (e)
 - (i) The applicant may raise and resolve in a single appeal any determination made under this Subsection (1) to the appeal authority, including an allegation that a reasonable period of time has elapsed under Subsection (1)(a).
 - (ii) The appeal authority shall issue a written decision for any appeal requested under this Subsection (1)(e).
 - (f)
 - (i) The applicant may appeal to district court the decision of the appeal authority made under Subsection (1)(e).
 - (ii) Each appeal under Subsection (1)(f)(i) shall be made within 30 days of the date of the written decision.
- (2)
 - (a) Each land use authority shall substantively review a complete application and an application considered complete under Subsection (1)(d), and shall approve or deny each application with reasonable diligence.

- (b) After a reasonable period of time to allow the land use authority to consider an application, the applicant may in writing request that the land use authority take final action within 45 days from date of service of the written request.
 - (c) The land use authority shall take final action, approving or denying the application within 45 days of the written request.
 - (d) If the land use authority denies an application processed under the mandates of Subsection (2)(b), or if the applicant has requested a written decision in the application, the land use authority shall include its reasons for denial in writing, on the record, which may include the official minutes of the meeting in which the decision was rendered.
 - (e) If the land use authority fails to comply with Subsection (2)(c), the applicant may appeal this failure to district court within 30 days of the date on which the land use authority is required to take final action under Subsection (2)(c).
- (3)
- (a) With reasonable diligence, each land use authority shall determine whether the installation of required subdivision improvements or the performance of warranty work meets the municipality's adopted standards.
 - (b)
 - (i) An applicant may in writing request the land use authority to accept or reject the applicant's installation of required subdivision improvements or performance of warranty work.
 - (ii) The land use authority shall accept or reject subdivision improvements within 15 days after receiving an applicant's written request under Subsection (3)(b)(i), or as soon as practicable after that 15-day period if inspection of the subdivision improvements is impeded by winter weather conditions.
 - (iii) The land use authority shall accept or reject the performance of warranty work within 45 days after receiving an applicant's written request under Subsection (3)(b)(i), or as soon as practicable after that 45-day period if inspection of the warranty work is impeded by winter weather conditions.
 - (c) If a land use authority determines that the installation of required subdivision improvements or the performance of warranty work does not meet the municipality's adopted standards, the land use authority shall comprehensively and with specificity list the reasons for its determination.
- (4) Subject to Section 10-9a-509, nothing in this section and no action or inaction of the land use authority relieves an applicant's duty to comply with all applicable substantive ordinances and regulations.
- (5) There shall be no money damages remedy arising from a claim under this section.

Amended by Chapter 378, 2010 General Session

10-9a-509.7 Transferable development rights.

- (1) A municipality may adopt an ordinance:
 - (a) designating sending zones and receiving zones within the municipality; and
 - (b) allowing the transfer of a transferable development right from a sending zone to a receiving zone.
- (2) A municipality may not allow the use of a transferable development right unless the municipality adopts an ordinance described in Subsection (1).

Amended by Chapter 231, 2012 General Session

10-9a-510 Limit on fees -- Requirement to itemize fees -- Appeal of fee -- Provider of culinary or secondary water.

- (1) A municipality may not impose or collect a fee for reviewing or approving the plans for a commercial or residential building that exceeds the lesser of:
 - (a) the actual cost of performing the plan review; and
 - (b) 65% of the amount the municipality charges for a building permit fee for that building.
- (2) Subject to Subsection (1), a municipality may impose and collect only a nominal fee for reviewing and approving identical floor plans.
- (3) A municipality may not impose or collect a hookup fee that exceeds the reasonable cost of installing and inspecting the pipe, line, meter, and appurtenance to connect to the municipal water, sewer, storm water, power, or other utility system.
- (4) A municipality may not impose or collect:
 - (a) a land use application fee that exceeds the reasonable cost of processing the application or issuing the permit; or
 - (b) an inspection, regulation, or review fee that exceeds the reasonable cost of performing the inspection, regulation, or review.
- (5)
 - (a) If requested by an applicant who is charged a fee or an owner of residential property upon which a fee is imposed, the municipality shall provide an itemized fee statement that shows the calculation method for each fee.
 - (b) If an applicant who is charged a fee or an owner of residential property upon which a fee is imposed submits a request for an itemized fee statement no later than 30 days after the day on which the applicant or owner pays the fee, the municipality shall no later than 10 days after the day on which the request is received provide or commit to provide within a specific time:
 - (i) for each fee, any studies, reports, or methods relied upon by the municipality to create the calculation method described in Subsection (5)(a);
 - (ii) an accounting of each fee paid;
 - (iii) how each fee will be distributed; and
 - (iv) information on filing a fee appeal through the process described in Subsection (5)(c).
 - (c) A municipality shall establish a fee appeal process subject to an appeal authority described in Part 7, Appeal Authority and Variances, and district court review in accordance with Part 8, District Court Review, to determine whether a fee reflects only the reasonable estimated cost of:
 - (i) regulation;
 - (ii) processing an application;
 - (iii) issuing a permit; or
 - (iv) delivering the service for which the applicant or owner paid the fee.
- (6) A municipality may not impose on or collect from a public agency any fee associated with the public agency's development of its land other than:
 - (a) subject to Subsection (4), a fee for a development service that the public agency does not itself provide;
 - (b) subject to Subsection (3), a hookup fee; and
 - (c) an impact fee for a public facility listed in Subsection 11-36a-102(16)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (g), subject to any applicable credit under Subsection 11-36a-402(2).
- (7) A provider of culinary or secondary water that commits to provide a water service required by a land use application process is subject to the following as if it were a municipality:
 - (a) Subsections (5) and (6);
 - (b) Section 10-9a-508; and

(c) Section 10-9a-509.5.

Amended by Chapter 200, 2013 General Session

10-9a-511 Nonconforming uses and noncomplying structures.

- (1)
 - (a) Except as provided in this section, a nonconforming use or noncomplying structure may be continued by the present or a future property owner.
 - (b) A nonconforming use may be extended through the same building, provided no structural alteration of the building is proposed or made for the purpose of the extension.
 - (c) For purposes of this Subsection (1), the addition of a solar energy device to a building is not a structural alteration.
- (2) The legislative body may provide for:
 - (a) the establishment, restoration, reconstruction, extension, alteration, expansion, or substitution of nonconforming uses upon the terms and conditions set forth in the land use ordinance;
 - (b) the termination of all nonconforming uses, except billboards, by providing a formula establishing a reasonable time period during which the owner can recover or amortize the amount of his investment in the nonconforming use, if any; and
 - (c) the termination of a nonconforming use due to its abandonment.
- (3)
 - (a) A municipality may not prohibit the reconstruction or restoration of a noncomplying structure or terminate the nonconforming use of a structure that is involuntarily destroyed in whole or in part due to fire or other calamity unless the structure or use has been abandoned.
 - (b) A municipality may prohibit the reconstruction or restoration of a noncomplying structure or terminate the nonconforming use of a structure if:
 - (i) the structure is allowed to deteriorate to a condition that the structure is rendered uninhabitable and is not repaired or restored within six months after written notice to the property owner that the structure is uninhabitable and that the noncomplying structure or nonconforming use will be lost if the structure is not repaired or restored within six months; or
 - (ii) the property owner has voluntarily demolished a majority of the noncomplying structure or the building that houses the nonconforming use.
 - (c)
 - (i) Notwithstanding a prohibition in its zoning ordinance, a municipality may permit a billboard owner to relocate the billboard within the municipality's boundaries to a location that is mutually acceptable to the municipality and the billboard owner.
 - (ii) If the municipality and billboard owner cannot agree to a mutually acceptable location within 90 days after the owner submits a written request to relocate the billboard, the provisions of Subsection 10-9a-513(2)(a)(iv) apply.
- (4)
 - (a) Unless the municipality establishes, by ordinance, a uniform presumption of legal existence for nonconforming uses, the property owner shall have the burden of establishing the legal existence of a noncomplying structure or nonconforming use.
 - (b) Any party claiming that a nonconforming use has been abandoned shall have the burden of establishing the abandonment.
 - (c) Abandonment may be presumed to have occurred if:

- (i) a majority of the primary structure associated with the nonconforming use has been voluntarily demolished without prior written agreement with the municipality regarding an extension of the nonconforming use;
 - (ii) the use has been discontinued for a minimum of one year; or
 - (iii) the primary structure associated with the nonconforming use remains vacant for a period of one year.
- (d) The property owner may rebut the presumption of abandonment under Subsection (4)(c), and shall have the burden of establishing that any claimed abandonment under Subsection (4)(b) has not in fact occurred.
- (5) A municipality may terminate the nonconforming status of a school district or charter school use or structure when the property associated with the school district or charter school use or structure ceases to be used for school district or charter school purposes for a period established by ordinance.

Amended by Chapter 205, 2015 General Session

10-9a-511.5 Changes to dwellings -- Egress windows.

- (1) For purposes of this section, "rental dwelling" means the same as that term is defined in Section 10-8-85.5.
- (2) A municipal ordinance adopted under Section 10-1-203.5 may not:
- (a) require physical changes in a structure with a legal nonconforming rental dwelling use unless the change is for:
 - (i) the reasonable installation of:
 - (A) a smoke detector that is plugged in or battery operated;
 - (B) a ground fault circuit interrupter protected outlet on existing wiring;
 - (C) street addressing;
 - (D) except as provided in Subsection (3), an egress bedroom window if the existing bedroom window is smaller than that required by current State Construction Code;
 - (E) an electrical system or a plumbing system, if the existing system is not functioning or is unsafe as determined by an independent electrical or plumbing professional who is licensed in accordance with Title 58, Occupations and Professions;
 - (F) hand or guard rails; or
 - (G) occupancy separation doors as required by the International Residential Code; or
 - (ii) the abatement of a structure; or
 - (b) be enforced to terminate a legal nonconforming rental dwelling use.
- (3) A municipality may not require physical changes to install an egress or emergency escape window in an existing bedroom that complied with the State Construction Code in effect at the time the bedroom was finished if:
- (a) the dwelling is an owner-occupied dwelling or a rental dwelling that is:
 - (i) a detached one-, two-, three-, or four-family dwelling; or
 - (ii) a town home that is not more than three stories above grade with a separate means of egress; and
 - (b)
 - (i) the window in the existing bedroom is smaller than that required by current State Construction Code; and
 - (ii) the change would compromise the structural integrity of the structure or could not be completed in accordance with current State Construction Code, including set-back and window well requirements.

- (4) Nothing in this section prohibits a municipality from:
 - (a) regulating the style of window that is required or allowed in a bedroom;
 - (b) requiring that a window in an existing bedroom be fully openable if the openable area is less than required by current State Construction Code; or
 - (c) requiring that an existing window not be reduced in size if the openable area is smaller than required by current State Construction Code.

Enacted by Chapter 205, 2015 General Session

10-9a-512 Termination of a billboard and associated rights.

- (1) A municipality may only require termination of a billboard and associated property rights through:
 - (a) gift;
 - (b) purchase;
 - (c) agreement;
 - (d) exchange; or
 - (e) eminent domain.
- (2) A termination under Subsection (1)(a), (b), (c), or (d) requires the voluntary consent of the billboard owner.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 254, 2005 General Session

10-9a-513 Municipality's acquisition of billboard by eminent domain -- Removal without providing compensation -- Limit on allowing nonconforming billboards to be rebuilt or replaced -- Validity of municipal permit after issuance of state permit.

- (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Clearly visible" means capable of being read without obstruction by an occupant of a vehicle traveling on a street or highway within the visibility area.
 - (b) "Highest allowable height" means:
 - (i) if the height allowed by the municipality, by ordinance or consent, is higher than the height under Subsection (1)(b)(ii), the height allowed by the municipality; or
 - (ii)
 - (A) for a noninterstate billboard:
 - (I) if the height of the previous use or structure is 45 feet or higher, the height of the previous use or structure; or
 - (II) if the height of the previous use or structure is less than 45 feet, the height of the previous use or structure or the height to make the entire advertising content of the billboard clearly visible, whichever is higher, but no higher than 45 feet; and
 - (B) for an interstate billboard:
 - (I) if the height of the previous use or structure is at or above the interstate height, the height of the previous use or structure; or
 - (II) if the height of the previous use or structure is less than the interstate height, the height of the previous use or structure or the height to make the entire advertising content of the billboard clearly visible, whichever is higher, but no higher than the interstate height.
 - (c) "Interstate billboard" means a billboard that is intended to be viewed from a highway that is an interstate.
 - (d) "Interstate height" means a height that is the higher of:
 - (i) 65 feet above the ground; and

- (ii) 25 feet above the grade of the interstate.
 - (e) "Noninterstate billboard" means a billboard that is intended to be viewed from a street or highway that is not an interstate.
 - (f) "Visibility area" means the area on a street or highway that is:
 - (i) defined at one end by a line extending from the base of the billboard across all lanes of traffic of the street or highway in a plane that is perpendicular to the street or highway; and
 - (ii) defined on the other end by a line extending across all lanes of traffic of the street or highway in a plane that is:
 - (A) perpendicular to the street or highway; and
 - (B)
 - (I) for an interstate billboard, 500 feet from the base of the billboard; or
 - (II) for a noninterstate billboard, 300 feet from the base of the billboard.
- (2)
- (a) A municipality is considered to have initiated the acquisition of a billboard structure by eminent domain if the municipality prevents a billboard owner from:
 - (i) rebuilding, maintaining, repairing, or restoring a billboard structure that is damaged by casualty, an act of God, or vandalism;
 - (ii) except as provided in Subsection (2)(c), relocating or rebuilding a billboard structure, or taking other measures, to correct a mistake in the placement or erection of a billboard for which the municipality has issued a permit, if the proposed relocation, rebuilding, or other measure is consistent with the intent of that permit;
 - (iii) structurally modifying or upgrading a billboard;
 - (iv) relocating a billboard into any commercial, industrial, or manufacturing zone within the municipality's boundaries, if:
 - (A) the relocated billboard is:
 - (I) within 5,280 feet of its previous location; and
 - (II) no closer than:
 - (Aa) 300 feet from an off-premise sign existing on the same side of the street or highway;
 - or
 - (Bb) if the street or highway is an interstate or limited access highway that is subject to Title 72, Chapter 7, Part 5, Utah Outdoor Advertising Act, the distance allowed under that act between the relocated billboard and an off-premise sign existing on the same side of the interstate or limited access highway; and
 - (B)
 - (I) the billboard owner has submitted a written request under Subsection 10-9a-511(3)(c); and
 - (II) the municipality and billboard owner are unable to agree, within the time provided in Subsection 10-9a-511(3)(c), to a mutually acceptable location; or
 - (v) making the following modifications, as the billboard owner determines, to a billboard that is structurally modified or upgraded under Subsection (2)(a)(iii) or relocated under Subsection (2)(a)(iv):
 - (A) erecting the billboard:
 - (I) to the highest allowable height; and
 - (II) as the owner determines, to an angle that makes the entire advertising content of the billboard clearly visible; and
 - (B) installing a sign face on the billboard that is at least the same size as, but no larger than, the sign face on the billboard before its relocation.

- (b) A modification under Subsection (2)(a)(v) shall comply with Title 72, Chapter 7, Part 5, Utah Outdoor Advertising Act, to the extent applicable.
 - (c) A municipality's denial of a billboard owner's request to relocate or rebuild a billboard structure, or to take other measures, in order to correct a mistake in the placement or erection of a billboard does not constitute the initiation of acquisition by eminent domain under Subsection (2)(a) if the mistake in placement or erection of the billboard is determined by clear and convincing evidence to have resulted from an intentionally false or misleading statement:
 - (i) by the billboard applicant in the application; and
 - (ii) regarding the placement or erection of the billboard.
 - (d) If a municipality is considered to have initiated the acquisition of a billboard structure by eminent domain under Subsection (2)(a) or any other provision of applicable law, the municipality shall pay just compensation to the billboard owner in an amount that is:
 - (i) the value of the existing billboard at a fair market capitalization rate, based on actual annual revenue, less any annual rent expense;
 - (ii) the value of any other right associated with the billboard structure that is acquired;
 - (iii) the cost of the sign structure; and
 - (iv) damage to the economic unit described in Subsection 72-7-510(3)(b), of which the billboard owner's interest is a part.
- (3) Notwithstanding Subsection (2) and Section 10-9a-512, a municipality may remove a billboard without providing compensation if:
- (a) the municipality determines:
 - (i) by clear and convincing evidence that the applicant for a permit intentionally made a false or misleading statement in the applicant's application regarding the placement or erection of the billboard; or
 - (ii) by substantial evidence that the billboard:
 - (A) is structurally unsafe;
 - (B) is in an unreasonable state of repair; or
 - (C) has been abandoned for at least 12 months;
 - (b) the municipality notifies the owner in writing that the owner's billboard meets one or more of the conditions listed in Subsections (3)(a)(i) and (ii);
 - (c) the owner fails to remedy the condition or conditions within:
 - (i) except as provided in Subsection (3)(c)(ii), 90 days following the billboard owner's receipt of written notice under Subsection (3)(b); or
 - (ii) if the condition forming the basis of the municipality's intention to remove the billboard is that it is structurally unsafe, 10 business days, or a longer period if necessary because of a natural disaster, following the billboard owner's receipt of written notice under Subsection (3)(b); and
 - (d) following the expiration of the applicable period under Subsection (3)(c) and after providing the owner with reasonable notice of proceedings and an opportunity for a hearing, the municipality finds:
 - (i) by clear and convincing evidence, that the applicant for a permit intentionally made a false or misleading statement in the application regarding the placement or erection of the billboard; or
 - (ii) by substantial evidence that the billboard is structurally unsafe, is in an unreasonable state of repair, or has been abandoned for at least 12 months.
- (4) A municipality may not allow a nonconforming billboard to be rebuilt or replaced by anyone other than its owner or the owner acting through its contractors.

- (5) A permit issued, extended, or renewed by a municipality for a billboard remains valid from the time the municipality issues, extends, or renews the permit until 180 days after a required state permit is issued for the billboard if:
- (a) the billboard requires a state permit; and
 - (b) an application for the state permit is filed within 30 days after the municipality issues, extends, or renews a permit for the billboard.

Amended by Chapter 170, 2009 General Session

Amended by Chapter 233, 2009 General Session

10-9a-514 Manufactured homes.

- (1) For purposes of this section, a manufactured home is the same as defined in Section 15A-1-302, except that the manufactured home shall be attached to a permanent foundation in accordance with plans providing for vertical loads, uplift, and lateral forces and frost protection in compliance with the applicable building code. All appendages, including carports, garages, storage buildings, additions, or alterations shall be built in compliance with the applicable building code.
- (2) A manufactured home may not be excluded from any land use zone or area in which a single-family residence would be permitted, provided the manufactured home complies with all local land use ordinances, building codes, and any restrictive covenants, applicable to a single family residence within that zone or area.
- (3) A municipality may not:
- (a) adopt or enforce an ordinance or regulation that treats a proposed development that includes manufactured homes differently than one that does not include manufactured homes; or
 - (b) reject a development plan based on the fact that the development is expected to contain manufactured homes.

Amended by Chapter 14, 2011 General Session

10-9a-515 Regulation of amateur radio antennas.

- (1) A municipality may not enact or enforce an ordinance that does not comply with the ruling of the Federal Communications Commission in "Amateur Radio Preemption, 101 FCC 2nd 952 (1985)" or a regulation related to amateur radio service adopted under 47 C.F.R. Part 97.
- (2) If a municipality adopts an ordinance involving the placement, screening, or height of an amateur radio antenna based on health, safety, or aesthetic conditions, the ordinance shall:
- (a) reasonably accommodate amateur radio communications; and
 - (b) represent the minimal practicable regulation to accomplish the municipality's purpose.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 254, 2005 General Session

10-9a-516 Regulation of residential facilities for persons with disabilities.

A municipality may only regulate a residential facility for persons with a disability to the extent allowed by:

- (1) Title 57, Chapter 21, Utah Fair Housing Act, and applicable jurisprudence;
- (2) the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 3601 et seq., and applicable jurisprudence; and
- (3) Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and applicable jurisprudence.

Repealed and Re-enacted by Chapter 309, 2013 General Session

10-9a-520 Licensing of residences for persons with a disability.

The responsibility to license programs or entities that operate facilities for persons with a disability, as well as to require and monitor the provision of adequate services to persons residing in those facilities, shall rest with:

- (1) for programs or entities licensed or certified by the Department of Human Services, the Department of Human Services as provided in Title 62A, Chapter 5, Services for People with Disabilities; and
- (2) for programs or entities licensed or certified by the Department of Health, the Department of Health under Title 26, Chapter 21, Health Care Facility Licensing and Inspection Act.

Amended by Chapter 309, 2013 General Session

10-9a-521 Wetlands.

A municipality may not designate or treat any land as wetlands unless the United States Army Corps of Engineers or other agency of the federal government has designated the land as wetlands.

Enacted by Chapter 388, 2007 General Session

10-9a-522 Refineries.

- (1) As used in this section, "develop" or "development" means:
 - (a) the construction, alteration, or improvement of land, including any related moving, demolition, or excavation outside of a refinery property boundary;
 - (b) the subdivision of land for a non-industrial use; or
 - (c) the construction of a non-industrial structure on a parcel that is not subject to the subdivision process.
- (2) Before a legislative body may adopt a non-industrial zoning change to permit development within 500 feet of a refinery boundary, the legislative body shall consult with the refinery to determine whether the proposed change is compatible with the refinery.
- (3) Before a land use authority may approve an application to develop within 500 feet of a refinery boundary, the land use authority shall consult with the refinery to determine whether the development is compatible with the refinery.
- (4) A legislative body described in Subsection (2), or a land use authority described in Subsection (3), may not request from the refinery:
 - (a) proprietary information;
 - (b) information, if made public, that would create a security or safety risk to the refinery or the public;
 - (c) information that is restricted from public disclosure under federal or state law; or
 - (d) information that is available in public record.
- (5)
 - (a) This section does not grant authority to a legislative body described in Subsection (2), or a land use authority described in Subsection (3), to require a refinery to undertake or cease an action.
 - (b) This section does not create a cause of action against a refinery.
 - (c) Except as expressly provided in this section, this section does not alter or remove any legal right or obligation of a refinery.

Enacted by Chapter 306, 2010 General Session

10-9a-523 Parcel boundary adjustment.

- (1) A property owner:
 - (a) may execute a parcel boundary adjustment by quitclaim deed or by a boundary line agreement as described in Section 57-1-45; and
 - (b) shall record the quitclaim deed or boundary line agreement in the office of the county recorder.
- (2) A parcel boundary adjustment is not subject to the review of a land use authority.

Enacted by Chapter 334, 2013 General Session

10-9a-524 Boundary line agreement.

- (1) As used in this section, "boundary line agreement" is an agreement described in Section 57-1-45.
- (2) A property owner:
 - (a) may execute a boundary line agreement; and
 - (b) shall record a boundary line agreement in the office of the county recorder.
- (3) A boundary line agreement is not subject to the review of a land use authority.

Enacted by Chapter 334, 2013 General Session

10-9a-525 High tunnels -- Exemption from municipal regulation.

- (1) As used in this section, "high tunnel" means a structure that:
 - (a) is not a permanent structure;
 - (b) is used for the keeping, storing, sale, or shelter of an agricultural commodity; and
 - (c) has a:
 - (i) metal, wood, or plastic frame;
 - (ii) plastic, woven textile, or other flexible covering; and
 - (iii) floor made of soil, crushed stone, matting, pavers, or a floating concrete slab.
- (2) A municipal building code does not apply to a high tunnel.
- (3) No building permit shall be required for the construction of a high tunnel.

Enacted by Chapter 129, 2015 General Session

10-9a-526 Homeless shelters.

- (1) As used in this section, "homeless shelter" means a facility that:
 - (a) is located within a municipality;
 - (b) provides temporary shelter to homeless families with children;
 - (c) has capacity to provide temporary shelter to at least 200 individuals per night; and
 - (d) began operation on or before January 1, 2016.
- (2) A municipality may not adopt or enforce an ordinance or other regulation that prohibits a homeless shelter from operating year-round.

Enacted by Chapter 131, 2016 General Session