

BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT AMENDMENTS

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts provisions related to the adjustment of a property boundary.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ prescribes the method by which a property owner may:
 - execute a parcel boundary adjustment; and
 - execute a boundary line agreement; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

10-9a-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 231

17-27a-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 231

ENACTS:

10-9a-523, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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31 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

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37 cooperation entity established under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, specified
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175 Government Entities - Local Districts, and any other governmental or quasi-governmental
176 entity that is not a county, municipality, school district, or the state.

177 (28) "Lot line adjustment" means the relocation of the property boundary line in a
178 subdivision between two adjoining lots with the consent of the owners of record.

179 (29) "Moderate income housing" means housing occupied or reserved for occupancy
180 by households with a gross household income equal to or less than 80% of the median gross
181 income for households of the same size in the county in which the city is located.

182 (30) "Nominal fee" means a fee that reasonably reimburses a municipality only for time
183 spent and expenses incurred in:

184 (a) verifying that building plans are identical plans; and

185 (b) reviewing and approving those minor aspects of identical plans that differ from the
186 previously reviewed and approved building plans.

187 (31) "Noncomplying structure" means a structure that:

188 (a) legally existed before its current land use designation; and

189 (b) because of one or more subsequent land use ordinance changes, does not conform
190 to the setback, height restrictions, or other regulations, excluding those regulations, which
191 govern the use of land.

192 (32) "Nonconforming use" means a use of land that:

193 (a) legally existed before its current land use designation;

194 (b) has been maintained continuously since the time the land use ordinance governing
195 the land changed; and

196 (c) because of one or more subsequent land use ordinance changes, does not conform
197 to the regulations that now govern the use of the land.

198 (33) "Official map" means a map drawn by municipal authorities and recorded in a
199 county recorder's office that:

200 (a) shows actual and proposed rights-of-way, centerline alignments, and setbacks for
201 highways and other transportation facilities;

202 (b) provides a basis for restricting development in designated rights-of-way or between
203 designated setbacks to allow the government authorities time to purchase or otherwise reserve
204 the land; and

205 (c) has been adopted as an element of the municipality's general plan.

206 (34) "Parcel boundary adjustment" means a recorded agreement between owners of
207 adjoining properties adjusting their mutual boundary if:

208 (a) no additional parcel is created; and

209 (b) each property identified in the agreement is unsubdivided land, including a
210 remainder of subdivided land.

211 [~~34~~] (35) "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, organization,
212 association, trust, governmental agency, or any other legal entity.

213 [~~35~~] (36) "Plan for moderate income housing" means a written document adopted by
214 a city legislative body that includes:

215 (a) an estimate of the existing supply of moderate income housing located within the
216 city;

217 (b) an estimate of the need for moderate income housing in the city for the next five
218 years as revised biennially;

219 (c) a survey of total residential land use;

220 (d) an evaluation of how existing land uses and zones affect opportunities for moderate
221 income housing; and

222 (e) a description of the city's program to encourage an adequate supply of moderate
223 income housing.

224 [~~36~~] (37) "Plat" means a map or other graphical representation of lands being laid out
225 and prepared in accordance with Section 10-9a-603, 17-23-17, or 57-8-13.

226 [~~(37)~~] (38) "Potential geologic hazard area" means an area that:

227 (a) is designated by a Utah Geological Survey map, county geologist map, or other
228 relevant map or report as needing further study to determine the area's potential for geologic
229 hazard; or

230 (b) has not been studied by the Utah Geological Survey or a county geologist but
231 presents the potential of geologic hazard because the area has characteristics similar to those of
232 a designated geologic hazard area.

233 [~~(38)~~] (39) "Public agency" means:

234 (a) the federal government;

235 (b) the state;

236 (c) a county, municipality, school district, local district, special service district, or other
237 political subdivision of the state; or

238 (d) a charter school.

239 [~~(39)~~] (40) "Public hearing" means a hearing at which members of the public are
240 provided a reasonable opportunity to comment on the subject of the hearing.

241 [~~(40)~~] (41) "Public meeting" means a meeting that is required to be open to the public
242 under Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.

243 [~~(41)~~] (42) "Receiving zone" means an area of a municipality that the municipality
244 designates, by ordinance, as an area in which an owner of land may receive a transferable
245 development right.

246 [~~(42)~~] (43) "Record of survey map" means a map of a survey of land prepared in
247 accordance with Section 17-23-17.

248 [~~(43)~~] (44) "Residential facility for elderly persons" means a single-family or
249 multiple-family dwelling unit that meets the requirements of Section 10-9a-516, but does not
250 include a health care facility as defined by Section 26-21-2.

251 [~~(44)~~] (45) "Residential facility for persons with a disability" means a residence:

252 (a) in which more than one person with a disability resides; and

253 (b) (i) is licensed or certified by the Department of Human Services under Title 62A,

254 Chapter 2, Licensure of Programs and Facilities; or

255 (ii) is licensed or certified by the Department of Health under Title 26, Chapter 21,
256 Health Care Facility Licensing and Inspection Act.

257 [~~45~~] (46) "Rules of order and procedure" means a set of rules that govern and
258 prescribe in a public meeting:

259 (a) parliamentary order and procedure;

260 (b) ethical behavior; and

261 (c) civil discourse.

262 [~~46~~] (47) "Sanitary sewer authority" means the department, agency, or public entity
263 with responsibility to review and approve the feasibility of sanitary sewer services or onsite
264 wastewater systems.

265 [~~47~~] (48) "Sending zone" means an area of a municipality that the municipality
266 designates, by ordinance, as an area from which an owner of land may transfer a transferable
267 development right.

268 [~~48~~] (49) "Specified public agency" means:

269 (a) the state;

270 (b) a school district; or

271 (c) a charter school.

272 [~~49~~] (50) "Specified public utility" means an electrical corporation, gas corporation,
273 or telephone corporation, as those terms are defined in Section 54-2-1.

274 [~~50~~] (51) "State" includes any department, division, or agency of the state.

275 [~~51~~] (52) "Street" means a public right-of-way, including a highway, avenue,
276 boulevard, parkway, road, lane, walk, alley, viaduct, subway, tunnel, bridge, public easement,
277 or other way.

278 [~~52~~] (53) (a) "Subdivision" means any land that is divided, resubdivided or proposed
279 to be divided into two or more lots, parcels, sites, units, plots, or other division of land for the
280 purpose, whether immediate or future, for offer, sale, lease, or development either on the
281 installment plan or upon any and all other plans, terms, and conditions.

- 282 (b) "Subdivision" includes:
- 283 (i) the division or development of land whether by deed, metes and bounds description,
284 devise and testacy, map, plat, or other recorded instrument; and
- 285 (ii) except as provided in Subsection [~~52~~] (53)(c), divisions of land for residential and
286 nonresidential uses, including land used or to be used for commercial, agricultural, and
287 industrial purposes.
- 288 (c) "Subdivision" does not include:
- 289 (i) a bona fide division or partition of agricultural land for the purpose of joining one of
290 the resulting separate parcels to a contiguous parcel of unsubdivided agricultural land, if
291 neither the resulting combined parcel nor the parcel remaining from the division or partition
292 violates an applicable land use ordinance;
- 293 (ii) a recorded agreement between owners of adjoining unsubdivided properties
294 adjusting their mutual boundary if:
- 295 (A) no new lot is created; and
296 (B) the adjustment does not violate applicable land use ordinances;
- 297 (iii) a recorded document, executed by the owner of record:
- 298 (A) revising the legal description of more than one contiguous unsubdivided parcel of
299 property into one legal description encompassing all such parcels of property; or
300 (B) joining a subdivided parcel of property to another parcel of property that has not
301 been subdivided, if the joinder does not violate applicable land use ordinances;
- 302 (iv) a recorded agreement between owners of adjoining subdivided properties adjusting
303 their mutual boundary if:
- 304 (A) no new dwelling lot or housing unit will result from the adjustment; and
305 (B) the adjustment will not violate any applicable land use ordinance; [~~or~~]
- 306 (v) a bona fide division or partition of land by deed or other instrument where the land
307 use authority expressly approves in writing the division in anticipation of further land use
308 approvals on the parcel or parcels[-]; or
- 309 (vi) a parcel boundary adjustment.

310 (d) The joining of a subdivided parcel of property to another parcel of property that has
311 not been subdivided does not constitute a subdivision under this Subsection [~~(52)~~ (53) as to
312 the unsubdivided parcel of property or subject the unsubdivided parcel to the municipality's
313 subdivision ordinance.

314 [~~(53)~~ (54) "Therapeutic school" means a residential group living facility:

315 (a) for four or more individuals who are not related to:

316 (i) the owner of the facility; or

317 (ii) the primary service provider of the facility;

318 (b) that serves students who have a history of failing to function:

319 (i) at home;

320 (ii) in a public school; or

321 (iii) in a nonresidential private school; and

322 (c) that offers:

323 (i) room and board; and

324 (ii) an academic education integrated with:

325 (A) specialized structure and supervision; or

326 (B) services or treatment related to a disability, an emotional development, a

327 behavioral development, a familial development, or a social development.

328 [~~(54)~~ (55) "Transferable development right" means a right to develop and use land that
329 originates by an ordinance that authorizes a land owner in a designated sending zone to transfer
330 land use rights from a designated sending zone to a designated receiving zone.

331 [~~(55)~~ (56) "Unincorporated" means the area outside of the incorporated area of a city
332 or town.

333 [~~(56)~~ (57) "Water interest" means any right to the beneficial use of water, including:

334 (a) each of the rights listed in Section 73-1-11; and

335 (b) an ownership interest in the right to the beneficial use of water represented by:

336 (i) a contract; or

337 (ii) a share in a water company, as defined in Section 73-3-3.5.

338 [~~(57)~~] (58) "Zoning map" means a map, adopted as part of a land use ordinance, that
339 depicts land use zones, overlays, or districts.

340 Section 2. Section **10-9a-523** is enacted to read:

341 **10-9a-523. Parcel boundary adjustment.**

342 (1) A property owner:

343 (a) may execute a parcel boundary adjustment by quitclaim deed or by a boundary line
344 agreement as described in Section 57-1-45; and

345 (b) shall record the quitclaim deed or boundary line agreement in the office of the
346 county recorder.

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348 Section 3. Section **10-9a-524** is enacted to read:

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503 (28) "Land use ordinance" means a planning, zoning, development, or subdivision
504 ordinance of the county, but does not include the general plan.

505 (29) "Land use permit" means a permit issued by a land use authority.

506 (30) "Legislative body" means the county legislative body, or for a county that has
507 adopted an alternative form of government, the body exercising legislative powers.

508 (31) "Local district" means any entity under Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local
509 Government Entities - Local Districts, and any other governmental or quasi-governmental
510 entity that is not a county, municipality, school district, or the state.

511 (32) "Lot line adjustment" means the relocation of the property boundary line in a
512 subdivision between two adjoining lots with the consent of the owners of record.

513 (33) "Moderate income housing" means housing occupied or reserved for occupancy
514 by households with a gross household income equal to or less than 80% of the median gross
515 income for households of the same size in the county in which the housing is located.

516 (34) "Nominal fee" means a fee that reasonably reimburses a county only for time spent
517 and expenses incurred in:

518 (a) verifying that building plans are identical plans; and

519 (b) reviewing and approving those minor aspects of identical plans that differ from the
520 previously reviewed and approved building plans.

521 (35) "Noncomplying structure" means a structure that:

522 (a) legally existed before its current land use designation; and

523 (b) because of one or more subsequent land use ordinance changes, does not conform
524 to the setback, height restrictions, or other regulations, excluding those regulations that govern
525 the use of land.

526 (36) "Nonconforming use" means a use of land that:

527 (a) legally existed before its current land use designation;

528 (b) has been maintained continuously since the time the land use ordinance regulation
529 governing the land changed; and

530 (c) because of one or more subsequent land use ordinance changes, does not conform
531 to the regulations that now govern the use of the land.

532 (37) "Official map" means a map drawn by county authorities and recorded in the
533 county recorder's office that:

534 (a) shows actual and proposed rights-of-way, centerline alignments, and setbacks for
535 highways and other transportation facilities;

536 (b) provides a basis for restricting development in designated rights-of-way or between
537 designated setbacks to allow the government authorities time to purchase or otherwise reserve
538 the land; and

539 (c) has been adopted as an element of the county's general plan.

540 (38) "Parcel boundary adjustment" means a recorded agreement between owners of
541 adjoining properties adjusting their mutual boundary if:

542 (a) no additional parcel is created; and

543 (b) each property identified in the agreement is unsubdivided land, including a
544 remainder of subdivided land.

545 [~~38~~] (39) "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, organization,
546 association, trust, governmental agency, or any other legal entity.

547 [~~39~~] (40) "Plan for moderate income housing" means a written document adopted by
548 a county legislative body that includes:

549 (a) an estimate of the existing supply of moderate income housing located within the
550 county;

551 (b) an estimate of the need for moderate income housing in the county for the next five
552 years as revised biennially;

553 (c) a survey of total residential land use;

554 (d) an evaluation of how existing land uses and zones affect opportunities for moderate
555 income housing; and

556 (e) a description of the county's program to encourage an adequate supply of moderate
557 income housing.

558 [~~40~~] (41) "Plat" means a map or other graphical representation of lands being laid out
559 and prepared in accordance with Section 17-27a-603, 17-23-17, or 57-8-13.

560 [~~41~~] (42) "Potential geologic hazard area" means an area that:

561 (a) is designated by a Utah Geological Survey map, county geologist map, or other

562 relevant map or report as needing further study to determine the area's potential for geologic
563 hazard; or

564 (b) has not been studied by the Utah Geological Survey or a county geologist but
565 presents the potential of geologic hazard because the area has characteristics similar to those of
566 a designated geologic hazard area.

567 [~~(42)~~] (43) "Public agency" means:

568 (a) the federal government;

569 (b) the state;

570 (c) a county, municipality, school district, local district, special service district, or other
571 political subdivision of the state; or

572 (d) a charter school.

573 [~~(43)~~] (44) "Public hearing" means a hearing at which members of the public are
574 provided a reasonable opportunity to comment on the subject of the hearing.

575 [~~(44)~~] (45) "Public meeting" means a meeting that is required to be open to the public
576 under Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.

577 [~~(45)~~] (46) "Receiving zone" means an unincorporated area of a county that the county
578 designates, by ordinance, as an area in which an owner of land may receive a transferable
579 development right.

580 [~~(46)~~] (47) "Record of survey map" means a map of a survey of land prepared in
581 accordance with Section 17-23-17.

582 [~~(47)~~] (48) "Residential facility for elderly persons" means a single-family or
583 multiple-family dwelling unit that meets the requirements of Section 17-27a-515, but does not
584 include a health care facility as defined by Section 26-21-2.

585 [~~(48)~~] (49) "Residential facility for persons with a disability" means a residence:

586 (a) in which more than one person with a disability resides; and

587 (b) (i) is licensed or certified by the Department of Human Services under Title 62A,
588 Chapter 2, Licensure of Programs and Facilities; or

589 (ii) is licensed or certified by the Department of Health under Title 26, Chapter 21,

590 Health Care Facility Licensing and Inspection Act.

591 ~~[(49)]~~ (50) "Rules of order and procedure" means a set of rules that govern and
592 prescribe in a public meeting:

593 (a) parliamentary order and procedure;

594 (b) ethical behavior; and

595 (c) civil discourse.

596 ~~[(50)]~~ (51) "Sanitary sewer authority" means the department, agency, or public entity
597 with responsibility to review and approve the feasibility of sanitary sewer services or onsite
598 wastewater systems.

599 ~~[(51)]~~ (52) "Sending zone" means an unincorporated area of a county that the county
600 designates, by ordinance, as an area from which an owner of land may transfer a transferable
601 development right.

602 ~~[(52)]~~ (53) "Specified public agency" means:

603 (a) the state;

604 (b) a school district; or

605 (c) a charter school.

606 ~~[(53)]~~ (54) "Specified public utility" means an electrical corporation, gas corporation,
607 or telephone corporation, as those terms are defined in Section 54-2-1.

608 ~~[(54)]~~ (55) "State" includes any department, division, or agency of the state.

609 ~~[(55)]~~ (56) "Street" means a public right-of-way, including a highway, avenue,
610 boulevard, parkway, road, lane, walk, alley, viaduct, subway, tunnel, bridge, public easement,
611 or other way.

612 ~~[(56)]~~ (57) (a) "Subdivision" means any land that is divided, resubdivided or proposed
613 to be divided into two or more lots, parcels, sites, units, plots, or other division of land for the
614 purpose, whether immediate or future, for offer, sale, lease, or development either on the
615 installment plan or upon any and all other plans, terms, and conditions.

616 (b) "Subdivision" includes:

617 (i) the division or development of land whether by deed, metes and bounds description,

618 devise and testacy, map, plat, or other recorded instrument; and
619 (ii) except as provided in Subsection [~~(56)~~ (57)(c), divisions of land for residential and
620 nonresidential uses, including land used or to be used for commercial, agricultural, and
621 industrial purposes.

622 (c) "Subdivision" does not include:

623 (i) a bona fide division or partition of agricultural land for agricultural purposes;
624 (ii) a recorded agreement between owners of adjoining properties adjusting their
625 mutual boundary if:

626 (A) no new lot is created; and
627 (B) the adjustment does not violate applicable land use ordinances;

628 (iii) a recorded document, executed by the owner of record:

629 (A) revising the legal description of more than one contiguous unsubdivided parcel of
630 property into one legal description encompassing all such parcels of property; or
631 (B) joining a subdivided parcel of property to another parcel of property that has not
632 been subdivided, if the joinder does not violate applicable land use ordinances;

633 (iv) a bona fide division or partition of land in a county other than a first class county
634 for the purpose of siting, on one or more of the resulting separate parcels:

635 (A) an electrical transmission line or a substation;
636 (B) a natural gas pipeline or a regulation station; or
637 (C) an unmanned telecommunications, microwave, fiber optic, electrical, or other
638 utility service regeneration, transformation, retransmission, or amplification facility;

639 (v) a recorded agreement between owners of adjoining subdivided properties adjusting
640 their mutual boundary if:

641 (A) no new dwelling lot or housing unit will result from the adjustment; and
642 (B) the adjustment will not violate any applicable land use ordinance; [or]
643 (vi) a bona fide division or partition of land by deed or other instrument where the land
644 use authority expressly approves in writing the division in anticipation of further land use
645 approvals on the parcel or parcels[-]; or

646 (vii) a parcel boundary adjustment.

647 (d) The joining of a subdivided parcel of property to another parcel of property that has
648 not been subdivided does not constitute a subdivision under this Subsection [~~(56)~~] (57) as to
649 the unsubdivided parcel of property or subject the unsubdivided parcel to the county's
650 subdivision ordinance.

651 [~~(57)~~] (58) "Therapeutic school" means a residential group living facility:

652 (a) for four or more individuals who are not related to:

653 (i) the owner of the facility; or

654 (ii) the primary service provider of the facility;

655 (b) that serves students who have a history of failing to function:

656 (i) at home;

657 (ii) in a public school; or

658 (iii) in a nonresidential private school; and

659 (c) that offers:

660 (i) room and board; and

661 (ii) an academic education integrated with:

662 (A) specialized structure and supervision; or

663 (B) services or treatment related to a disability, an emotional development, a
664 behavioral development, a familial development, or a social development.

665 [~~(58)~~] (59) "Township" means a contiguous, geographically defined portion of the
666 unincorporated area of a county, established under this part or reconstituted or reinstated under
667 Section 17-27a-306, with planning and zoning functions as exercised through the township
668 planning commission, as provided in this chapter, but with no legal or political identity
669 separate from the county and no taxing authority, except that "township" means a former
670 township under Laws of Utah 1996, Chapter 308, where the context so indicates.

671 [~~(59)~~] (60) "Transferable development right" means a right to develop and use land that
672 originates by an ordinance that authorizes a land owner in a designated sending zone to transfer
673 land use rights from a designated sending zone to a designated receiving zone.

674 [~~(60)~~] (61) "Unincorporated" means the area outside of the incorporated area of a
675 municipality.

676 [~~(61)~~] (62) "Water interest" means any right to the beneficial use of water, including:

677 (a) each of the rights listed in Section 73-1-11; and

678 (b) an ownership interest in the right to the beneficial use of water represented by:

679 (i) a contract; or

680 (ii) a share in a water company, as defined in Section 73-3-3.5.

681 [~~(62)~~] (63) "Zoning map" means a map, adopted as part of a land use ordinance, that
682 depicts land use zones, overlays, or districts.

683 Section 5. Section **17-27a-522** is enacted to read:

684 **17-27a-522. Parcel boundary adjustment.**

685 (1) A property owner:

686 (a) may execute a parcel boundary adjustment by quitclaim deed or by a boundary line
687 agreement as described in Section 57-1-45; and

688 (b) shall record the quitclaim deed or boundary line agreement in the office of the
689 county recorder.

690 (2) A parcel boundary adjustment is not subject to the review of a land use authority.

691 Section 6. Section **17-27a-523** is enacted to read:

692 **17-27a-523. Boundary line agreement.**

693 (1) As used in this section, "boundary line agreement" is an agreement described in
694 Section 57-1-45.

695 (2) A property owner:

696 (a) may execute a boundary line agreement; and

697 (b) shall record a boundary line agreement in the office of the county recorder.

698 (3) A boundary line agreement is not subject to the review of a land use authority.