

Mowing Ordinance Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay

House Sponsor: Casey Snider

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill enacts provisions related to municipal and county regulation of golf courses.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- prohibits a municipality or county from enacting an ordinance that prohibits or restricts

golf course maintenance between the hours of ~~8~~ → **[5] 5:30** ← ~~8~~ a.m. and 10 p.m.;

and

- provides that a municipality or county may prohibit or restrict golf course maintenance during certain hours for a golf course that is owned by the municipality or county.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

10-8-85.11, Utah Code Annotated 1953

17-50-342, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **10-8-85.11** is enacted to read:

10-8-85.11 . Golf courses -- Limitations on municipal ordinances restricting golf course maintenance.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Golf course" means:

- (i) a privately owned golf course that is located, in whole or in part, within municipal boundaries; or

- 30 (ii) a golf course located, in whole or in part, within municipal boundaries, that is
 31 owned by a county, municipality, or other governmental entity.
- 32 (b) "Maintenance operations" means mowing, trimming, or related activities necessary
 33 for the routine upkeep of golf course grounds.
- 34 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a municipality may not enact or enforce an
 35 ordinance that prohibits or restricts a golf course from conducting maintenance
 36 operations between the hours of \hat{H} → [5] 5:30 ← \hat{H} a.m. and 10 p.m.
- 37 (3) A municipality may prohibit or restrict maintenance operations at any time if the golf
 38 course is owned by the municipality.

39 Section 2. Section **17-50-342** is enacted to read:

40 **17-50-342 . Golf courses -- Limitations on county ordinances restricting golf**
 41 **course maintenance.**

- 42 (1) As used in this section:
- 43 (a) "Golf course" means:
- 44 (i) a privately owned golf course that is located, in whole or in part, within an
 45 unincorporated area of the county; or
- 46 (ii) a golf course located, in whole or in part, within an unincorporated area of the
 47 county, that is owned by a county, municipality, or other governmental entity.
- 48 (b) "Maintenance operations" means mowing, trimming, or related activities necessary
 49 for the routine upkeep of golf course grounds.
- 50 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a county may not enact or enforce an ordinance
 51 that prohibits or restricts a golf course from conducting maintenance operations between
 52 the hours of \hat{H} → [5] 5:30 ← \hat{H} a.m. and 10 p.m.
- 53 (3) A county may prohibit or restrict maintenance operations at any time if the golf course
 54 is owned by the county.

55 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

56 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.