

1 **Mowing Ordinance Amendments**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay

House Sponsor:

3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

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

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This bill:

8 ▶ defines terms;

9 ▶ prohibits a municipality or county from enacting an ordinance that prohibits or restricts
10 golf course maintenance between the hours of 5 a.m. and 10 p.m.; and

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

13 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

14 None

15 **Other Special Clauses:**

16 None

17 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

18 ENACTS:

19 **10-8-85.11**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

20 **17-50-342**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

24 **10-8-85.11 . Golf courses -- Limitations on municipal ordinances restricting golf**
25 **course maintenance.**

26 (1) *As used in this section:*

27 (a) "Golf course" means:

28 (i) a privately owned golf course that is located, in whole or in part, within municipal
29 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 5 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 5 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.