

Mowing Ordinance Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay

House Sponsor:

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 or enforcing an ordinance that prohibits golf course maintenance operations between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 10:00 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

17-60-509, 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

(ii) a golf course located, in whole or in part, within municipal boundaries, that is

owned by a county, municipality, or other governmental entity.

(b) "Maintenance operations" means mowing or trimming grass as part of the routine upkeep of golf course grounds.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a municipality may not enact or enforce an ordinance that prohibits a golf course from conducting maintenance operations between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 10 p.m.

(3) A municipality may prohibit or restrict maintenance operations at a golf course at any time if the golf course is owned by the municipality.

Section 2. Section **17-60-509** is enacted to read:

17-60-509 . Golf courses -- Limitations on county 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 an unincorporated area of the county; or

(ii) a golf course located, in whole or in part, within an unincorporated area of the county, that is owned by a county, municipality, or other governmental entity.

(b) "Maintenance operations" means mowing, trimming, or related activities necessary for the routine upkeep of golf course grounds.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a county may not enact or enforce an ordinance that prohibits a golf course from conducting maintenance operations between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 10 p.m.

(3) A county may prohibit or restrict maintenance operations at a golf course at any time if the golf course is owned by the county.

Section 3. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.