

# H.B. 35 METRO TOWNSHIP AMEND

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## WHAT ARE METRO TOWNSHIPS?

Metro Townships were established by the Legislature in 2015 (SB199) to shore up the unprotected community boundaries and tax base, and to eliminate the policy of piecemeal annexations. There are five Metro Townships in the State: Copperton, Emigration Canyon, Kearns, Magna, and White City.

## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A METRO TOWNSHIP VS A REGULAR TOWN OR CITY?

With annual tweaks to the code since Metro Townships were established, there are only two significant differences between Metro Townships and regular towns and cities:

### 1. Metro Township Mayors are elected from the Metro Township Council

Typically mayors are elected by an at-large election. The Mayor of the Metro Township is currently chosen by a vote of the Metro Township Council

### 2. Metro Townships cannot access property tax

The Metro Townships are not allowed to impose a municipal property tax. In lieu of property tax, those who live in a Metro Township are accessed taxes through special service districts, like the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD) or the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA).

## WHAT DOES HB35 DO?

HB35 removes eliminates Metro Townships as a type of municipality and converts the existing Metro Townships into cities/towns.

## THIS BILL IS SUPPORTED BY:

Copperton

Emigration  
Canyon

Kearns

Magna

White  
City

Salt Lake  
County

# Current Population Size of Each Township

Township	Size	Larger than
Kearns	37,000	Midvale, Tooele, Springville, Cedar City, American Fork
Magna	30,000	Farmington, Payson, Brigham City
White City	6,000	Moab, Kanab, Morgan, Beaver
Emigration Canyon	1,500	Uintah, Milford, Fairview (Same as Castle Dale, Coalville)
Copperton	1,000	Loa, Eureka, Garden City (larger than 89 smaller towns in the state)

