

11-36a-705 Arbitration.

- (1) A person or entity intending to challenge an impact fee under Section 11-36a-703 shall file a written request for arbitration with the local political subdivision within the time limitation described in Section 11-36a-702 for the applicable type of challenge.
- (2) If a person or an entity files a written request for arbitration under Subsection (1), an arbitrator or arbitration panel shall be selected as follows:
 - (a) the local political subdivision and the person or entity filing the request may agree on a single arbitrator within 10 days after the day on which the request for arbitration is filed; or
 - (b) if a single arbitrator is not agreed to in accordance with Subsection (2)(a), an arbitration panel shall be created with the following members:
 - (i) each party shall select an arbitrator within 20 days after the date the request is filed; and
 - (ii) the arbitrators selected under Subsection (2)(b)(i) shall select a third arbitrator.
- (3) The arbitration panel shall hold a hearing on the challenge no later than 30 days after the day on which:
 - (a) the single arbitrator is agreed on under Subsection (2)(a); or
 - (b) the two arbitrators are selected under Subsection (2)(b)(i).
- (4) The arbitrator or arbitration panel shall issue a decision in writing no later than 10 days after the day on which the hearing described in Subsection (3) is completed.
- (5) Except as provided in this section, each arbitration shall be governed by Title 78B, Chapter 11, Utah Uniform Arbitration Act.
- (6) The parties may agree to:
 - (a) binding arbitration;
 - (b) formal, nonbinding arbitration; or
 - (c) informal, nonbinding arbitration.
- (7) If the parties agree in writing to binding arbitration:
 - (a) the arbitration shall be binding;
 - (b) the decision of the arbitration panel shall be final;
 - (c) neither party may appeal the decision of the arbitration panel; and
 - (d) notwithstanding Subsection (10), the person or entity challenging the impact fee may not also challenge the impact fee under Subsection 11-36a-701(1) or Subsection 11-36a-703(2)(a) or (2)(c).
- (8)
 - (a) Except as provided in Subsection (8)(b), if the parties agree to formal, nonbinding arbitration, the arbitration shall be governed by the provisions of Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
 - (b) For purposes of applying Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, to a formal, nonbinding arbitration under this section, notwithstanding Section 63G-4-502, "agency" means a local political subdivision.
- (9)
 - (a) An appeal from a decision in an informal, nonbinding arbitration may be filed with the district court in which the local political subdivision is located.
 - (b) An appeal under Subsection (9)(a) shall be filed within 30 days after the day on which the arbitration panel issues a decision under Subsection (4).
 - (c) The district court shall consider de novo each appeal filed under this Subsection (9).
 - (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (10), a person or entity that files an appeal under this Subsection (9) may not also challenge the impact fee under Subsection 11-36a-701(1) or Subsection 11-36a-703(2)(a) or (2)(c).
- (10)

- (a) Except as provided in Subsections (7)(d) and (9)(d), this section may not be construed to prohibit a person or entity from challenging an impact fee as provided in Subsection 11-36a-701(1) or Subsection 11-36a-703(2)(a) or (2)(c).
- (b) The filing of a written request for arbitration within the required time in accordance with Subsection (1) tolls all time limitations under Section 11-36a-702 until the day on which the arbitration panel issues a decision.
- (11) The person or entity filing a request for arbitration and the local political subdivision shall equally share all costs of an arbitration proceeding under this section.

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