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SUBDIVISION APPROVAL AMENDMENTS
2009 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: R. Curt Webb
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LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill modifies county land use provisions relating to subdivisions.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
• authorizes an owner of at least 100 contiguous acres of agricultural land within a
county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class to divide from the land a single lot
without complying with subdivision plat requirements or county subdivision
ordinances; and
 prohibits a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class from denying a building
permit to an owner of a minor subdivision lot if the lot meets the county's
reasonable health, safety, and access standards that the county has established and
made public.
Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
This bill takes effect on October 1, 2009.
Utah Code Sections Affected:
AMENDS:
17-27a-605, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 240
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section 17-27a-605 is amended to read:

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30	17-27a-605. Exemptions from plat requirement.
31	(1) Notwithstanding Sections 17-27a-603 and 17-27a-604, the land use authority may
32	approve the subdivision of unincorporated land into ten lots or less without a plat, by
33	certifying in writing that:
34	(a) the county has provided notice as required by ordinance; and
35	(b) the proposed subdivision:
36	(i) is not traversed by the mapped lines of a proposed street as shown in the general
37	plan and does not require the dedication of any land for street or other public purposes;
38	(ii) has been approved by the culinary water authority and the sanitary sewer authority
39	(iii) is located in a zoned area; and
40	(iv) conforms to all applicable land use ordinances or has properly received a variance
41	from the requirements of an otherwise conflicting and applicable land use ordinance.
42	(2) (a) Subject to Subsection (1), a lot or parcel resulting from a division of
43	agricultural land is exempt from the plat requirements of Section 17-27a-603 if the lot or
44	parcel:
45	(i) qualifies as land in agricultural use under Section 59-2-502;
46	(ii) meets the minimum size requirement of applicable land use ordinances; and
47	(iii) is not used and will not be used for any nonagricultural purpose.
48	(b) The boundaries of each lot or parcel exempted under Subsection (1) shall be
49	graphically illustrated on a record of survey map that, after receiving the same approvals as are
50	required for a plat under Section 17-27a-604, shall be recorded with the county recorder.
51	(c) If a lot or parcel exempted under Subsection (2)(a) is used for a nonagricultural
52	purpose, the county may require the lot or parcel to comply with the requirements of Section
53	17-27a-603.
54	(3) (a) [Documents] Except as provided in Subsection (4), a document recorded in the
55	county recorder's office that [divide] divides property by a metes and bounds description [do]
56	does not create an approved subdivision allowed by this part unless the land use authority's
57	certificate of written approval required by Subsection (1)[(a)(ii)] is attached to the document.

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58	(b) The absence of the certificate or written approval required by Subsection (1) does
59	not affect the validity of a recorded document.
60	(c) A document which does not meet the requirements of Subsection (1) may be
51	corrected by the recording of an affidavit to which the required certificate or written approval
52	is attached in accordance with Section 57-3-106.
53	(4) (a) As used in this Subsection (4):
54	(i) "Divided land" means land that:
65	(A) is described as the land to be divided in a notice under Subsection (4)(b)(ii); and
66	(B) has been divided by a minor subdivision.
67	(ii) "Land to be divided" means land that is proposed to be divided by a minor
58	subdivision.
59	(iii) "Minor subdivision" means a division of at least 100 contiguous acres of
70	agricultural land in a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class to create one new lot that,
71	after the division, is separate from the remainder of the original 100 or more contiguous acres
72	of agricultural land.
73	(iv) "Minor subdivision lot" means a lot created by a minor subdivision.
74	(b) Notwithstanding Sections 17-27a-603 and 17-27a-604, an owner of at least 100
75	contiguous acres of agricultural land may make a minor subdivision by submitting for
76	recording in the office of the recorder of the county in which the land to be divided is located:
77	(i) a recordable deed containing the legal description of the minor subdivision lot; and
78	(ii) a notice:
79	(A) indicating that the owner of the land to be divided is making a minor subdivision;
80	(B) referring specifically to this section as the authority for making the minor
31	subdivision; and
32	(C) containing the legal description of:
33	(I) the land to be divided; and
34	(II) the minor subdivision lot.
35	(c) A minor subdivision lot:

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86	(i) may not be less than one acre in size;
87	(ii) may not be within 1,000 feet of another minor subdivision lot; and
88	(iii) is not subject to the subdivision ordinance of the county in which the minor
89	subdivision lot is located.
90	(d) Land to be divided by a minor subdivision may not include divided land.
91	(e) A county:
92	(i) may not deny a building permit to an owner of a minor subdivision lot based on:
93	(A) the lot's status as a minor subdivision lot; or
94	(B) the absence of standards described in Subsection (4)(e)(ii); and
95	(ii) may, in connection with the issuance of a building permit, subject a minor
96	subdivision lot to reasonable health, safety, and access standards that the county has
97	established and made public.
98	Section 2. Effective date.
99	This bill takes effect on October 1, 2009.