

**METRO TOWNSHIP AMENDMENTS**

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions related to metro townships.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
  - ▶ modifies the authority of a metro township that is included in a municipal services district to enact certain ordinances;
  - ▶ addresses the budget of a metro township that is included in a municipal services district;
  - ▶ addresses written minutes and recording requirements for a public meeting of a metro township council;
  - ▶ requires a municipality located within a municipal services district to remit to the municipal services district certain funds that the municipality receives;
  - ▶ modifies provisions regarding the local sales tax distribution for metro townships;
- and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.



28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 AMENDS:

30 **10-3b-504**, as repealed and reenacted by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 352

31 **10-3c-202**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 352

32 **10-3c-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapters 176 and 348

33 **17B-2a-1108**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 405

34 **53-2a-102**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 295

35 **59-12-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 352



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

38 Section 1. Section **10-3b-504** is amended to read:

39 **10-3b-504. Council in a metro township that is included in a municipal services**  
40 **district.**

41 (1) The council in a metro township that is included in a municipal services district:

42 (a) exercises any executive or administrative power and performs or supervises the  
43 performance of any executive or administrative power, duty, or function that has not been  
44 given to the chair under Section **10-3b-503** unless the council removes that power, duty, or  
45 function from the chair in accordance with Subsection (2);

46 (b) may:

47 (i) subject to Subsections (1)(c) and (2), adopt an ordinance:

48 (A) removing from the chair any power, duty, or function of the chair; and

49 (B) reinstating to the chair any power, duty, or function previously removed under

50 Subsection (1)(b)(i)(A); and

51 (ii) adopt an ordinance delegating to the chair any executive or administrative power,  
52 duty, or function that the council has under Subsection (1)(a); and

53 (c) may not remove from the chair or delegate:

54 (i) any of the chair's legislative or judicial powers or ceremonial functions;

55 (ii) the chair's position as chair of the council; or

56 (iii) any ex officio position that the chair holds.

57 (2) Adopting an ordinance under Subsection (1)(b)(i) removing from or reinstating to  
58 the chair a power, duty, or function provided for in Section **10-3b-503** requires the affirmative

59 vote of:

60 (a) the chair and a majority of all other council members; or

61 (b) all council members except the chair.

62 (3) The metro township council of a metro township that is included in a municipal

63 services district:

64 (a) shall:

65 (i) by ordinance, provide for the manner in which a subdivision is approved,

66 disapproved, or otherwise regulated;

67 (ii) review municipal administration, and, subject to Subsection (5), pass ordinances;

68 (iii) perform all duties that the law imposes on the council; and

69 (iv) elect one of its members to be chair of the metro township and the chair of the

70 council;

71 (b) may:

72 (i) (A) notwithstanding Subsection (3)(c), appoint a committee of council members or

73 citizens to conduct an investigation into an officer, department, or agency of the municipality,

74 or any other matter relating to the welfare of the municipality; and

75 (B) delegate to an appointed committee powers of inquiry that the council considers

76 necessary;

77 (ii) make and enforce any additional rule or regulation for the government of the

78 council, the preservation of order, and the transaction of the council's business that the council

79 considers necessary; and

80 (iii) subject to the limitations provided in Subsection (5), take any action allowed under

81 Section 10-8-84 that is reasonably related to the safety, health, morals, and welfare of the metro

82 township inhabitants; and

83 (c) may not:

84 (i) direct or request, other than in writing, the appointment of a person to or the

85 removal of a person from an executive municipal office;

86 (ii) interfere in any way with an executive officer's performance of the officer's duties;

87 or

88 (iii) publicly or privately give orders to a subordinate of the chair.

89 (4) A member of a metro township council as described in this section may not have

90 any other compensated employment with the metro township.

91 ~~[(5) The council of a metro township that is included in a municipal services district~~  
92 ~~may not adopt an ordinance or resolution that authorizes, provides, or otherwise governs a~~  
93 ~~municipal service, as defined in Section 17B-2a-1102, that is provided by a municipal services~~  
94 ~~district created under Title 17B, Chapter 2a, Part 11, Municipal Services District Act.]~~

95 Section 2. Section 10-3c-202 is amended to read:

96 **10-3c-202. Budget.**

97 ~~[A]~~ (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), a metro township is subject to and shall  
98 comply with Chapter 6, Uniform Fiscal Procedures Act for Utah Cities.

99 (2) For a metro township that is included in a municipal services district, created in  
100 accordance with Title 17B, Chapter 2a, Part 11, Municipal Services District Act, the fiscal year  
101 for the metro township budget is the calendar year.

102 Section 3. Section 10-3c-203 is amended to read:

103 **10-3c-203. Administrative and operational services -- Staff provided by county or**  
104 **municipal services district -- Recording of open meetings.**

105 (1) (a) The following officials elected or appointed, or persons employed by, the county  
106 in which a metro township is located shall, for the purposes of interpreting and complying with  
107 applicable law, fulfill the responsibilities and hold the following metro township offices or  
108 positions:

109 (i) the county treasurer shall fulfill the duties and hold the powers of treasurer for the  
110 metro township;

111 (ii) the county clerk shall fulfill the duties and hold the powers of recorder and clerk for  
112 the metro township;

113 (iii) the county surveyor shall fulfill, on behalf of the metro township, all surveyor  
114 duties imposed by law;

115 (iv) the county engineer shall fulfill the duties and hold the powers of engineer for the  
116 metro township; and

117 (v) subject to Subsection (1)(b), the county auditor shall fulfill the duties and hold the  
118 powers of auditor for the metro township.

119 (b) (i) The county auditor shall fulfill the duties and hold the powers of auditor for the  
120 metro township to the extent that the county auditor's powers and duties are described in and

121 delegated to the county auditor in accordance with Title 17, Chapter 19a, County Auditor, and  
122 a municipal auditor's powers and duties described in this title are the same.

123 (ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(b), in a metro township, services described in  
124 Sections [17-19a-203](#), [17-19a-204](#), and [17-19a-205](#), and services other than those described in  
125 Subsection (1)(b)(i) that are provided by a municipal auditor in accordance with this title that  
126 are required by law, shall be performed by county staff other than the county auditor.

127 (2) (a) Nothing in Subsection (1) may be construed to relieve an official described in  
128 Subsections (1)(a)(i) through (iv) of a duty to either the county or metro township or a duty to  
129 fulfill that official's position as required by law.

130 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a), an official or the official's deputy or other  
131 person described in Subsections (1)(a)(i) through (iv):

132 (i) is elected, appointed, or otherwise employed, in accordance with the provisions of  
133 Title 17, Counties, as applicable to that official's or person's county office;

134 (ii) is paid a salary and benefits and subject to employment discipline in accordance  
135 with the provisions of Title 17, Counties, as applicable to that official's or person's county  
136 office;

137 (iii) is not subject to:

138 (A) Chapter 3, Part 11, Personnel Rules and Benefits; or

139 (B) Chapter 3, Part 13, Municipal Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act; and

140 (iv) is not required to provide a bond for the applicable municipal office if a bond for  
141 the office is required by this title.

142 (3) The district attorney of the county in which a metro township is located may  
143 provide legal counsel to the metro township if the county and the metro township agree.

144 (4) The metro township may establish a planning commission in accordance with  
145 Section [10-9a-301](#) and an appeal authority in accordance with Section [10-9a-701](#).

146 (5) A municipal services district established in accordance with Title 17B, Chapter 2a,  
147 Part 11, Municipal Services District Act, and of which the metro township is a part, may  
148 provide staff to the metro township planning commission and appeal authority.

149 (6) Notwithstanding Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act, and Section  
150 [10-6-137](#):

151 (a) the county clerk may choose to not attend an open meeting of the metro township

152 council; and

153 (b) if the county clerk does not attend an open meeting of the metro township council,  
154 the county clerk shall:

155 (i) ensure that the chair of the metro township council, or a designee of the county  
156 clerk, makes a recording of the meeting in accordance with Section 52-4-203;

157 (ii) prepare written minutes of the meeting; and

158 (iii) within a reasonable time after the meeting, make public the recording described in  
159 Subsection (6)(b)(i) and the written minutes described in Subsection (6)(b)(ii).

160 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) (a) This section applies only to a metro township in which:

161 (i) the electors at an election under Section 10-2a-404 chose a metro township that is  
162 included in a municipal services district and has limited municipal powers; or

163 (ii) the metro township subsequently joins a municipal services district.

164 (b) This section does not apply to a metro township described in Subsection (6)(a) if  
165 the municipal services district is dissolved.

166 Section 4. Section 17B-2a-1108 is amended to read:

167 **17B-2a-1108. Municipality required to remit local option sales and use tax.**

168 (1) (a) ~~[If, after incorporation, a municipal legislative body of a]~~ A municipality located  
169 in whole or in part within a municipal services district ~~[does not adopt and deliver a resolution~~  
170 ~~to withdraw in accordance with Subsection 17B-1-502(3)(a)(iii), the municipality]~~ shall remit  
171 to the municipal services district:

172 (i) an amount equal to the amount the municipality receives under Title 59, Chapter 12,  
173 Part 2, Local Sales and Use Tax Act[-]; and

174 (ii) an amount equal to the amount of transportation funds the municipality receives  
175 under Section 72-2-108.

176 (b) The municipality shall remit to the municipal services district the amounts required  
177 in Subsection (1)(a) within 30 days after the day on which the municipality receives the funds  
178 identified in Subsections (1)(a)(i) and (1)(a)(ii).

179 (2) For purposes of Subsection (1)(a)(i), the amount of local sales tax a municipality is  
180 required to remit to a municipal services district is an amount:

181 (a) determined after subtracting amounts required under Title 59, Chapter 12, Part 2,  
182 Local Sales and Use Tax Act, to be deducted from the amount a municipality would otherwise

183 receive under Title 59, Chapter 12, Part 2, Local Sales and Use Tax Act; and

184 (b) representative of only those taxes collected in the area of the municipality that is  
185 also located within the municipal services district.

186 (3) For purposes of Subsection (1)(a)(ii), the amount of transportation funds a  
187 municipality is required to remit to a municipal services district is an amount equal to the  
188 amount of class B and class C road miles in that part of the municipality located within the  
189 municipal services district divided by the total class B and class C road miles in the  
190 municipality.

191 (4) If the municipal legislative body of a municipality located in whole or in part within  
192 a municipal services district adopts and delivers a resolution to withdraw in accordance with  
193 Subsection 17B-1-502(3)(a)(iii), the municipality shall ~~§~~→ **only** ←~~§~~ remit to the municipal services  
193a district  
194 the amounts described in Subsection (1) that relate to the period that the municipality is in the  
195 municipal services district, regardless of when the municipality receives those amounts.

196 Section 5. Section **53-2a-102** is amended to read:

197 **53-2a-102. Definitions.**

198 As used in this chapter:

199 (1) "Attack" means a nuclear, cyber, conventional, biological, act of terrorism, or  
200 chemical warfare action against the United States of America or this state.

201 (2) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety or the  
202 commissioner's designee.

203 (3) "Director" means the division director appointed under Section **53-2a-103** or the  
204 director's designee.

205 (4) "Disaster" means an event that:

206 (a) causes, or threatens to cause, loss of life, human suffering, public or private  
207 property damage, or economic or social disruption resulting from attack, internal disturbance,  
208 natural phenomena, or technological hazard; and

209 (b) requires resources that are beyond the scope of local agencies in routine responses  
210 to emergencies and accidents and may be of a magnitude or involve unusual circumstances that  
211 require response by government, not-for-profit, or private entities.

212 (5) "Division" means the Division of Emergency Management created in Section  
213 **53-2a-103**.

214 (6) "Energy" includes the energy resources defined in this chapter.

215 (7) "Expenses" means actual labor costs of government and volunteer personnel, and  
216 materials.

217 (8) "Hazardous materials emergency" means a sudden and unexpected release of any  
218 substance that because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious  
219 characteristics presents a direct and immediate threat to public safety or the environment and  
220 requires immediate action to mitigate the threat.

221 (9) "Internal disturbance" means a riot, prison break, terrorism, or strike.

222 (10) "Municipality" means the same as that term is defined in Section [10-1-104](#).

223 ~~[(10)]~~ (11) "Natural phenomena" means any earthquake, tornado, storm, flood,  
224 landslide, avalanche, forest or range fire, drought, or epidemic.

225 ~~[(11)]~~ (12) "State of emergency" means a condition in any part of this state that  
226 requires state government emergency assistance to supplement the local efforts of the affected  
227 political subdivision to save lives and to protect property, public health, welfare, or safety in  
228 the event of a disaster, or to avoid or reduce the threat of a disaster.

229 ~~[(12)]~~ (13) "Technological hazard" means any hazardous materials accident, mine  
230 accident, train derailment, air crash, radiation incident, pollution, structural fire, or explosion.

231 ~~[(13)]~~ (14) "Terrorism" means activities or the threat of activities that:

- 232 (a) involve acts dangerous to human life;
- 233 (b) are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of this state; and
- 234 (c) to a reasonable person, would appear to be intended to:
  - 235 (i) intimidate or coerce a civilian population;
  - 236 (ii) influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or
  - 237 (iii) affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or
  - 238 kidnapping.

239 ~~[(14)]~~ (15) "Urban search and rescue" means the location, extrication, and initial  
240 medical stabilization of victims trapped in a confined space as the result of a structural  
241 collapse, transportation accident, mining accident, or collapsed trench.

242 Section 6. Section **59-12-203** is amended to read:

243 **59-12-203. County, city, town, or metro township may levy tax -- Contracts**  
244 **pursuant to Interlocal Cooperation Act.**



245 (1) A county, city, town, or metro township may impose a sales and use tax under this  
246 part.

247 (2) ~~[H]~~ The State Tax Commission shall treat a metro township that imposes a tax  
248 under this part~~[, the metro township is subject to the same requirements a city is required to~~  
249 ~~meet] as a city under this part.~~

250 (3) The State Tax Commission shall calculate the amount of a distribution to a metro  
251 township under this part in the same manner as the State Tax Commission calculates a  
252 distribution to a city under Section [59-12-205](#).

253 ~~[(3)] (4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection [(3)(b) and notwithstanding any other~~  
254 ~~provision of this part] (4)(b), if a metro township imposes a tax under this part, the State Tax~~  
255 ~~Commission shall distribute the [revenues collected from the tax] amount that the State Tax~~  
256 ~~Commission calculates under Section [59-12-205](#) to the metro township.~~

257 (b) The State Tax Commission shall transfer the ~~[revenues collected within] amount~~  
258 ~~that would otherwise be distributed to~~ a metro township under this part to a municipal services  
259 district created under Title 17B, Chapter 2a, Part 11, Municipal Services District Act, if the  
260 metro township:

261 (i) provides written notice to the State Tax Commission requesting the transfer; and  
262 (ii) designates the municipal services district to which the metro township requests the  
263 State Tax Commission to transfer the revenues.

264 (4) A county, city, town, or metro township that imposes a sales and use tax under this  
265 part may:

266 (a) enter into agreements authorized by Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation  
267 Act; and

268 (b) use any or all of the revenue collected from the tax for the mutual benefit of local  
269 governments that elect to contract with one another pursuant to Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal  
270 Cooperation Act.

271 **Section 7. Effective date.**

272 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), if approved by two-thirds of all the members  
273 elected to each house, this bill takes effect upon approval by the governor, or the day following  
274 the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's  
275 signature, or in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.

276           (2) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the amendments to Sections [17B-2a-1108](#) and  
277 [59-12-203](#) in this bill have retrospective operation for the taxable year beginning on or after  
278 January 1, 2017.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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