

1                                   **LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT AMENDMENTS**

2   2017 GENERAL SESSION

3   STATE OF UTAH

4                                   **Chief Sponsor: Brad R. Wilson**

5                                   Senate Sponsor: J. Stuart Adams

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9           This bill modifies provisions related to local historic districts.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11           This bill:

12           ▶ clarifies the applicability of certain provisions related to the creation of a local  
13 historic district or area.

14 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

15           None

16 **Other Special Clauses:**

17           None

18 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

19 AMENDS:

20           **10-9a-503**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 404

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

23           Section 1. Section **10-9a-503** is amended to read:

24           **10-9a-503. Land use ordinance or zoning map amendments -- Historic district or**  
25 **area.**

26           (1) The legislative body may amend:

27           (a) the number, shape, boundaries, or area of any zoning district;

28           (b) any regulation of or within the zoning district; or

29           (c) any other provision of a land use ordinance.

30 (2) The legislative body may not make any amendment authorized by this section  
31 unless the amendment was proposed by the planning commission or was first submitted to the  
32 planning commission for its recommendation.

33 (3) The legislative body shall comply with the procedure specified in Section  
34 10-9a-502 in preparing and adopting an amendment to a land use ordinance or a zoning map.

35 (4) (a) As used in this Subsection (4):

36 (i) "Citizen-led process" means a process established by a municipality to create a local  
37 historic district or area that requires:

38 (A) a petition signed by a minimum number of property owners within the boundaries  
39 of the proposed local historic district or area; or

40 (B) a vote of the property owners within the boundaries of the proposed local historic  
41 district or area.

42 [(i)] (ii) "Condominium project" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
43 57-8-3.

44 [(ii)] (iii) "Local historic district or area" means a geographically or thematically  
45 definable area that contains any combination of buildings, structures, sites, objects, landscape  
46 features, archeological sites, or works of art that contribute to the historic preservation goals of  
47 a legislative body.

48 [(iii)] (iv) "Unit" means the same as that term is defined in Section 57-8-3.

49 (b) If a municipality provides a citizen-led process [~~by which one or more residents of~~  
50 ~~the municipality may initiate the creation of a local historic district or area~~], the process shall  
51 require that:

52 (i) more than 33% of the property owners within the boundaries of the proposed local  
53 historic district or area agree in writing to the creation of the proposed local historic district or  
54 area;

55 (ii) before any property owner agrees to the creation of a proposed local historic district  
56 or area under Subsection (4)(b)(i), the municipality prepare and distribute, to each property  
57 owner within the boundaries of the proposed local historic district or area, a neutral

58 information pamphlet that:

59 (A) describes the process to create a local historic district or area; and

60 (B) lists the pros and cons of a local historic district or area;

61 (iii) after the property owners satisfy the requirement described in Subsection (4)(b)(i),

62 for each parcel or, if the parcel contains a condominium project, each unit, within the

63 boundaries of the proposed local historic district or area, the municipality provide:

64 (A) a second copy of the neutral information pamphlet described in Subsection

65 (4)(b)(ii); and

66 (B) one public support ballot that, subject to Subsection (4)(c), allows the owner or

67 owners of record to vote in favor of or against the creation of the proposed local historic district

68 or area;

69 (iv) in a vote described in Subsection (4)(b)(iii)(B), the returned public support ballots

70 that reflect a vote in favor of the creation of the proposed local historic district or area:

71 (A) equal at least two-thirds of the returned public support ballots; and

72 (B) represent more than 50% of the parcels and units within the proposed local historic

73 district or area;

74 (v) if a local historic district or area proposal fails in a vote described in Subsection

75 (4)(b)(iii)(B), the legislative body may override the vote and create the proposed local historic

76 district or area with an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the legislative body;

77 and

78 (vi) if a local historic district or area proposal fails in a vote described in Subsection

79 (4)(b)(iii)(B) and the legislative body does not override the vote under Subsection (4)(b)(v), a

80 resident may not initiate the creation of a local historic district or area that includes more than

81 50% of the same property as the failed local historic district or area proposal for four years after

82 the day on which the public support ballots for the vote are due.

83 (c) In a vote described in Subsection (4)(b)(iii)(B):

84 (i) a property owner is eligible to vote regardless of whether the property owner is an

85 individual, a private entity, or a public entity;

- 86           (ii) the municipality shall count no more than one public support ballot for:
- 87           (A) each parcel within the boundaries of the proposed local historic district or area; or
- 88           (B) if the parcel contains a condominium project, each unit within the boundaries of
- 89 the proposed local historic district or area; and
- 90           (iii) if a parcel or unit has more than one owner of record, the municipality shall count
- 91 a public support ballot for the parcel or unit only if the public support ballot reflects the vote of
- 92 the property owners who own at least a 50% interest in the parcel or unit.
- 93           (d) The requirements described in Subsection (4)(b)(iv) apply to the creation of a local
- 94 historic district or area that is:
- 95           (i) initiated in accordance with a municipal process described in Subsection (4)(b); and
- 96           (ii) not complete on or before January 1, 2016.
- 97           (e) A vote described in Subsection (4)(b)(iii)(B) is not subject to Title 20A, Election
- 98 Code.