1	LOCAL LAND USE REVISIONS
2	2013 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Gage Froerer
5	Senate Sponsor:
6 7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
9	This bill amends provisions related to the land development authority of a municipal or
10	county land use authority and legislative body.
11	Highlighted Provisions:
12	This bill:
13	► defines terms;
14	<ul> <li>amends provisions governing the dedication of streets and other public places on a</li> </ul>
15	plat;
16	<ul> <li>amends provisions authorizing a municipal or county legislative body to vacate or</li> </ul>
17	amend a subdivision plat;
18	<ul><li>amends provisions authorizing a land use authority to amend a plat;</li></ul>
19	<ul> <li>amends provisions authorizing a legislative body to adopt an ordinance or resolution</li> </ul>
20	to vacate certain streets, rights-of-way, or easements; and
21	<ul><li>makes technical and conforming amendments.</li></ul>
22	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
23	None
24	Other Special Clauses:
25	None
26	<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
27	AMENDS:



28	10-9a-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 231
29	10-9a-607, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 381
30	10-9a-608, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapters 269 and 381
31	10-9a-609, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 381
32	10-9a-609.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 381
33	17-27a-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 231
34	17-27a-607, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 381
35	17-27a-608, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapters 269 and 381
36	17-27a-609, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 381
37	17-27a-609.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 381
38 39	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
40	Section 1. Section 10-9a-103 is amended to read:
41	10-9a-103. Definitions.
42	As used in this chapter:
43	(1) "Affected entity" means a county, municipality, local district, special service
44	district under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act, school district, interlocal
45	cooperation entity established under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, specified
46	public utility, a property owner, a property owners association, or the Utah Department of
47	Transportation, if:
48	(a) the entity's services or facilities are likely to require expansion or significant
49	modification because of an intended use of land;
50	(b) the entity has filed with the municipality a copy of the entity's general or long-range
51	plan; or
52	(c) the entity has filed with the municipality a request for notice during the same
53	calendar year and before the municipality provides notice to an affected entity in compliance
54	with a requirement imposed under this chapter.
55	(2) "Appeal authority" means the person, board, commission, agency, or other body
56	designated by ordinance to decide an appeal of a decision of a land use application or a
57	variance.
58	(3) "Billboard" means a freestanding ground sign located on industrial, commercial, or

residential property if the sign is designed or intended to direct attention to a business, product, or service that is not sold, offered, or existing on the property where the sign is located.

(4) (a) "Charter school" means:

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- (i) an operating charter school;
- (ii) a charter school applicant that has its application approved by a chartering entity in accordance with Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 5, The Utah Charter Schools Act; or
- (iii) an entity who is working on behalf of a charter school or approved charter applicant to develop or construct a charter school building.
  - (b) "Charter school" does not include a therapeutic school.
- (5) "Conditional use" means a land use that, because of its unique characteristics or potential impact on the municipality, surrounding neighbors, or adjacent land uses, may not be compatible in some areas or may be compatible only if certain conditions are required that mitigate or eliminate the detrimental impacts.
- (6) "Constitutional taking" means a governmental action that results in a taking of private property so that compensation to the owner of the property is required by the:
  - (a) Fifth or Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; or
  - (b) Utah Constitution Article I, Section 22.
- (7) "Culinary water authority" means the department, agency, or public entity with responsibility to review and approve the feasibility of the culinary water system and sources for the subject property.
  - (8) "Development activity" means:
- (a) any construction or expansion of a building, structure, or use that creates additional demand and need for public facilities;
- (b) any change in use of a building or structure that creates additional demand and need for public facilities; or
- (c) any change in the use of land that creates additional demand and need for public facilities.
- (9) (a) "Disability" means a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of a person's major life activities, including a person having a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment.
  - (b) "Disability" does not include current illegal use of, or addiction to, any federally

90	controlled substance, as defined in Section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C.
91	802.
92	(10) "Educational facility":
93	(a) means:
94	(i) a school district's building at which pupils assemble to receive instruction in a
95	program for any combination of grades from preschool through grade 12, including
96	kindergarten and a program for children with disabilities;
97	(ii) a structure or facility:
98	(A) located on the same property as a building described in Subsection (10)(a)(i); and
99	(B) used in support of the use of that building; and
100	(iii) a building to provide office and related space to a school district's administrative
101	personnel; and
102	(b) does not include:
103	(i) land or a structure, including land or a structure for inventory storage, equipment
104	storage, food processing or preparing, vehicle storage or maintenance, or similar use that is:
105	(A) not located on the same property as a building described in Subsection (10)(a)(i);
106	and
107	(B) used in support of the purposes of a building described in Subsection (10)(a)(i); or
108	(ii) a therapeutic school.
109	(11) "Elderly person" means a person who is 60 years old or older, who desires or
110	needs to live with other elderly persons in a group setting, but who is capable of living
111	independently.
112	(12) "Fire authority" means the department, agency, or public entity with responsibility
113	to review and approve the feasibility of fire protection and suppression services for the subject
114	property.
115	(13) "Flood plain" means land that:
116	(a) is within the 100-year flood plain designated by the Federal Emergency
117	Management Agency; or
118	(b) has not been studied or designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency
119	but presents a likelihood of experiencing chronic flooding or a catastrophic flood event because
120	the land has characteristics that are similar to those of a 100-year flood plain designated by the

121 Federal Emergency Management Agency. 122 (14) "General plan" means a document that a municipality adopts that sets forth general 123 guidelines for proposed future development of the land within the municipality. 124 (15) "Geologic hazard" means: 125 (a) a surface fault rupture; 126 (b) shallow groundwater; 127 (c) liquefaction; 128 (d) a landslide; 129 (e) a debris flow; 130 (f) unstable soil; 131 (g) a rock fall; or 132 (h) any other geologic condition that presents a risk: 133 (i) to life: 134 (ii) of substantial loss of real property; or 135 (iii) of substantial damage to real property. 136 (16) "Hookup fee" means a fee for the installation and inspection of any pipe, line, 137 meter, or appurtenance that connects to a municipal water, sewer, storm water, power, or other 138 utility system. 139 (17) "Identical plans" means building plans submitted to a municipality that: 140 (a) are clearly marked as "identical plans"; 141 (b) are substantially identical to building plans that were previously submitted to and 142 reviewed and approved by the municipality; and 143 (c) describe a building that: 144 (i) is located on land zoned the same as the land on which the building described in the 145 previously approved plans is located; 146 (ii) is subject to the same geological and meteorological conditions and the same law 147 as the building described in the previously approved plans; 148 (iii) has a floor plan identical to the building plan previously submitted to and reviewed 149 and approved by the municipality; and

(18) "Impact fee" means a payment of money imposed under Title 11, Chapter 36a,

(iv) does not require any additional engineering or analysis.

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153	(19) "Improvement assurance" means a surety bond, letter of credit, cash, or other
154	security:
155	(a) to guaranty the proper completion of an improvement;
156	(b) that is required as a condition precedent to:
157	(i) recording a subdivision plat; or
158	(ii) beginning development activity; and
159	(c) that is offered to a land use authority to induce the land use authority, before actual
160	construction of required improvements, to:
161	(i) consent to the recording of a subdivision plat; or
162	(ii) issue a permit for development activity.
163	(20) "Improvement assurance warranty" means a promise that the materials and
164	workmanship of improvements:
165	(a) comport with standards that the municipality has officially adopted; and
166	(b) will not fail in any material respect within a warranty period.
167	(21) "Internal lot restriction" means a platted note, platted demarcation, or platted
168	designation that:
169	(a) runs with the land; and
170	(b) (i) creates a restriction that is enclosed within the perimeter of a lot described on
171	the plat; or
172	(ii) designates a development condition that is enclosed within the perimeter of a lot
173	described on the plat.
174	(22) "Land use application" means an application required by a municipality's land use
175	ordinance.
176	(23) "Land use authority" means a person, board, commission, agency, or other body
177	designated by the local legislative body to act upon a land use application.
178	(24) "Land use ordinance" means a planning, zoning, development, or subdivision
179	ordinance of the municipality, but does not include the general plan.
180	(25) "Land use permit" means a permit issued by a land use authority.
181	(26) "Legislative body" means the municipal council.
182	(27) "Local district" means an entity under Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local

183	Government Entities - Local Districts, and any other governmental or quasi-governmental
184	entity that is not a county, municipality, school district, or the state.
185	(28) (a) "Lot" means a lot, unit, area, building, tract, or other description of real estate
186	that is identified on a recorded plat.
187	(b) "Lot" does not include a parcel.
188	[(28)] (29) "Lot line adjustment" means the relocation of the property boundary line in
189	a subdivision between two adjoining lots with the consent of the owners of record.
190	[(29)] (30) "Moderate income housing" means housing occupied or reserved for
191	occupancy by households with a gross household income equal to or less than 80% of the
192	median gross income for households of the same size in the county in which the city is located.
193	[(30)] (31) "Nominal fee" means a fee that reasonably reimburses a municipality only
194	for time spent and expenses incurred in:
195	(a) verifying that building plans are identical plans; and
196	(b) reviewing and approving those minor aspects of identical plans that differ from the
197	previously reviewed and approved building plans.
198	[(31)] (32) "Noncomplying structure" means a structure that:
199	(a) legally existed before its current land use designation; and
200	(b) because of one or more subsequent land use ordinance changes, does not conform
201	to the setback, height restrictions, or other regulations, excluding those regulations, which
202	govern the use of land.
203	$\left[\frac{(32)}{(33)}\right]$ "Nonconforming use" means a use of land that:
204	(a) legally existed before its current land use designation;
205	(b) has been maintained continuously since the time the land use ordinance governing
206	the land changed; and
207	(c) because of one or more subsequent land use ordinance changes, does not conform
208	to the regulations that now govern the use of the land.
209	[(33)] (34) "Official map" means a map drawn by municipal authorities and recorded in
210	a county recorder's office that:
211	(a) shows actual and proposed rights-of-way, centerline alignments, and setbacks for
212	highways and other transportation facilities;
213	(b) provides a basis for restricting development in designated rights-of-way or between

214	designated setbacks to allow the government authorities time to purchase or otherwise reserve
215	the land; and
216	(c) has been adopted as an element of the municipality's general plan.
217	(35) "Parcel" means a description of real estate that is not part of a recorded plat.
218	(36) "Parcel line adjustment" means an adjustment of a common boundary line
219	between two or more parcels that are not part of a recorded plat.
220	[(34)] (37) "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, organization,
221	association, trust, governmental agency, or any other legal entity.
222	[(35)] (38) "Plan for moderate income housing" means a written document adopted by
223	a city legislative body that includes:
224	(a) an estimate of the existing supply of moderate income housing located within the
225	city;
226	(b) an estimate of the need for moderate income housing in the city for the next five
227	years as revised biennially;
228	(c) a survey of total residential land use;
229	(d) an evaluation of how existing land uses and zones affect opportunities for moderate
230	income housing; and
231	(e) a description of the city's program to encourage an adequate supply of moderate
232	income housing.
233	[(36)] (39) "Plat" or "final plat" means a map, plat, or other graphical representation of
234	lands being laid out [and prepared in accordance with Section 10-9a-603, 17-23-17, or
235	57-8-13], subdivided, defined, or described for a subdivision, condominium, townhouse,
236	planned unit development, or other land development purpose.
237	[(37)] (40) "Potential geologic hazard area" means an area that:
238	(a) is designated by a Utah Geological Survey map, county geologist map, or other
239	relevant map or report as needing further study to determine the area's potential for geologic
240	hazard; or
241	(b) has not been studied by the Utah Geological Survey or a county geologist but
242	presents the potential of geologic hazard because the area has characteristics similar to those of
243	a designated geologic hazard area.
244	[ <del>(38)</del> ] (41) "Public agency" means:

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245	(a) the federal government;
246	(b) the state;
247	(c) a county, municipality, school district, local district, special service district, or other
248	political subdivision of the state; or
249	(d) a charter school.
250	[(39)] (42) "Public hearing" means a hearing at which members of the public are
251	provided a reasonable opportunity to comment on the subject of the hearing.
252	[40] [43] "Public meeting" means a meeting that is required to be open to the public
253	under Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.
254	[(41)] (44) "Receiving zone" means an area of a municipality that the municipality
255	designates, by ordinance, as an area in which an owner of land may receive a transferable
256	development right.
257	[(42)] (45) "Record of survey map" means a map of a survey of land prepared in
258	accordance with Section 17-23-17.
259	[ <del>(43)</del> ] (46) "Residential facility for elderly persons" means a single-family or
260	multiple-family dwelling unit that meets the requirements of Section 10-9a-516, but does not
261	include a health care facility as defined by Section 26-21-2.
262	[ <del>(44)</del> ] (47) "Residential facility for persons with a disability" means a residence:
263	(a) in which more than one person with a disability resides; and
264	(b) (i) is licensed or certified by the Department of Human Services under Title 62A,
265	Chapter 2, Licensure of Programs and Facilities; or
266	(ii) is licensed or certified by the Department of Health under Title 26, Chapter 21,
267	Health Care Facility Licensing and Inspection Act.
268	[(45)] (48) "Rules of order and procedure" means a set of rules that govern and
269	prescribe in a public meeting:
270	(a) parliamentary order and procedure;
271	(b) ethical behavior; and
272	(c) civil discourse.
273	[(46)] (49) "Sanitary sewer authority" means the department, agency, or public entity
274	with responsibility to review and approve the feasibility of sanitary sewer services or onsite

276	[(47)] (50) "Sending zone" means an area of a municipality that the municipality
277	designates, by ordinance, as an area from which an owner of land may transfer a transferable
278	development right.
279	[(48)] (51) "Specified public agency" means:
280	(a) the state;
281	(b) a school district; or
282	(c) a charter school.
283	[(49)] (52) "Specified public utility" means an electrical corporation, gas corporation,
284	or telephone corporation, as those terms are defined in Section 54-2-1.
285	[(50)] (53) "State" includes any department, division, or agency of the state.
286	[(51)] (54) "Street" means a public right-of-way, including a highway, avenue,
287	boulevard, parkway, road, lane, walk, alley, viaduct, subway, tunnel, bridge, public easement,
288	or other way.
289	[(52)] (55) (a) "Subdivision" means any land that is divided, resubdivided or proposed
290	to be divided into two or more lots, parcels, sites, units, plots, or other division of land for the
291	purpose, whether immediate or future, for offer, sale, lease, or development either on the
292	installment plan or upon any and all other plans, terms, and conditions.
293	(b) "Subdivision" includes:
294	(i) the division or development of land whether by deed, metes and bounds description,
295	devise and testacy, map, plat, or other recorded instrument; and
296	(ii) except as provided in Subsection [(52)] (55)(c), divisions of land for residential and
297	nonresidential uses, including land used or to be used for commercial, agricultural, and
298	industrial purposes.
299	(c) "Subdivision" does not include:
300	(i) a bona fide division or partition of agricultural land for the purpose of joining one of
301	the resulting separate parcels to a contiguous parcel of unsubdivided agricultural land, if
302	neither the resulting combined parcel nor the parcel remaining from the division or partition
303	violates an applicable land use ordinance;
304	(ii) a [recorded agreement between owners of adjoining unsubdivided properties

(A) no new lot is created; and

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adjusting their mutual boundary] parcel line adjustment if:

307	(B) the adjustment does not violate applicable land use ordinances;
308	(iii) a recorded document, executed by the owner of record:
309	(A) revising the legal description of more than one contiguous unsubdivided parcel of
310	property into one legal description encompassing all such parcels of property; or
311	(B) joining a subdivided parcel of property to another parcel of property that has not
312	been subdivided, if the joinder does not violate applicable land use ordinances;
313	(iv) a recorded agreement between owners of adjoining subdivided properties adjusting
314	their mutual boundary if:
315	(A) no new dwelling lot or housing unit will result from the adjustment; and
316	(B) the adjustment will not violate any applicable land use ordinance; or
317	(v) a bona fide division or partition of land by deed or other instrument where the land
318	use authority expressly approves in writing the division in anticipation of further land use
319	approvals on the parcel or parcels.
320	(d) The joining of a subdivided parcel of property to another parcel of property that has
321	not been subdivided does not constitute a subdivision under this Subsection $[(52)]$ as to
322	the unsubdivided parcel of property or subject the unsubdivided parcel to the municipality's
323	subdivision ordinance.
324	[(53)] (56) "Therapeutic school" means a residential group living facility:
325	(a) for four or more individuals who are not related to:
326	(i) the owner of the facility; or
327	(ii) the primary service provider of the facility;
328	(b) that serves students who have a history of failing to function:
329	(i) at home;
330	(ii) in a public school; or
331	(iii) in a nonresidential private school; and
332	(c) that offers:
333	(i) room and board; and
334	(ii) an academic education integrated with:
335	(A) specialized structure and supervision; or
336	(B) services or treatment related to a disability, an emotional development, a
337	behavioral development, a familial development, or a social development

338	[(54)] (57) "Transferable development right" means a right to develop and use land that
339	originates by an ordinance that authorizes a land owner in a designated sending zone to transfer
340	land use rights from a designated sending zone to a designated receiving zone.
341	[(55)] (58) "Unincorporated" means the area outside of the incorporated area of a city
342	or town.
343	(59) "Vacate" means the process in which a legislative body takes formal action to:
344	(a) abdicate the public interest or the interest of a public utility within a recorded plat
345	by eliminating the ability to describe real estate by reference to the plat or portion of the plat
346	that is vacated; and
347	(b) relinquish a public use or claim.
348	(60) "Vacating plat" means a plat that:
349	(a) shows and describes a public street that is being vacated;
350	(b) identifies and describes the ownership of each part or portion of the vacated street;
351	<u>and</u>
352	(c) is prepared by a surveyor.
353	[(56)] (61) "Water interest" means any right to the beneficial use of water, including:
354	(a) each of the rights listed in Section 73-1-11; and
355	(b) an ownership interest in the right to the beneficial use of water represented by:
356	(i) a contract; or
357	(ii) a share in a water company, as defined in Section 73-3-3.5.
358	[(57)] (62) "Zoning map" means a map, adopted as part of a land use ordinance, that
359	depicts land use zones, overlays, or districts.
360	Section 2. Section 10-9a-607 is amended to read:
361	10-9a-607. Dedication of streets and other public places.
362	(1) A final plat that [is signed, dedicated, and acknowledged by each owner of record,
363	and approved according to the procedures specified in this part,] meets the requirements of
364	Section 10-9a-604:
365	(a) operates, when recorded, as a dedication and granting of an easement or
366	right-of-way of all streets and other public places[7]; and
367	(b) vests the fee of a public easement or right-of-way of those parcels of land in the
368	municipality for [the public for the uses] public use or an entity's use as specifically named or

369	intended in the dedication language included on the final plat.
370	(2) The dedication established by this section does not impose liability upon the
371	municipality for streets and other public places that are dedicated in this manner but are
372	unimproved.
373	(3) (a) If a public easement or right-of-way is located in an area that is annexed, the
374	easement or right-of-way shall vest in the annexing entity.
375	(b) A change of a vesting right described in Subsection (3)(a) does not affect a public
376	utility or other facility, structure, monument, or other property that is owned or controlled by a
377	municipality or a utility owner.
378	Section 3. Section 10-9a-608 is amended to read:
379	10-9a-608. Vacating or amending a subdivision plat Legislative body
380	Recording the amended plat.
381	(1) (a) A fee owner of land, as shown on the last county assessment roll, in a
382	subdivision, condominium, or platted project, that has been laid out and platted as provided in
383	this part, may file a written petition with:
384	(i) the land use authority [to], in accordance with Section 10-9a-609, to amend some or
385	all of a plat; or
386	(ii) the legislative body, in accordance with this section, to have some or all of the plat
387	vacated or amended.
388	(b) If a petition signed by each owner of interest of property located within the plat or a
389	portion of a plat is filed under Subsection (1)(a)(i) to vacate all of a plat or a portion of a plat,
390	the [land use authority] legislative body shall:
391	(i) prepare a vacating plat; and
392	(ii) except as provided in Subsection (2), hold a public hearing within 45 days after the
393	day on which the petition is filed [if:].
394	[(i) any owner within the plat notifies the municipality of the owner's objection in
395	writing within 10 days of mailed notification; or]
396	[(ii) a public hearing is required because all of the owners in the subdivision have not
397	signed the revised plat.]
398	[(2) Unless a local ordinance provides otherwise, the public hearing requirement of

Subsection (1)(b) does not apply and a land use authority may consider at a public meeting an

400	owner's petition to vacate or amend a subdivision plat it.
401	[(a) the petition seeks to:]
402	[(i) join two or more of the petitioner fee owner's contiguous lots;]
403	[(ii) subdivide one or more of the petitioning fee owner's lots, if the subdivision will
404	not result in a violation of a land use ordinance or a development condition;]
405	[(iii) adjust the lot lines of adjoining lots or parcels if the fee owners of each of the
406	adjoining lots or parcels join in the petition, regardless of whether the lots or parcels are located
407	in the same subdivision;]
408	[(iv) on a lot owned by the petitioning fee owner, adjust an internal lot restriction
409	imposed by the local political subdivision; or]
410	[(v) alter the plat in a manner that does not change existing boundaries or other
411	attributes of lots within the subdivision that are not:]
412	[(A) owned by the petitioner; or]
413	[(B) designated as a common area; and]
414	[(b) notice has been given to adjacent property owners in accordance with any
415	applicable local ordinance.]
416	(c) The legislative body:
417	(i) may, in accordance with Section 10-9a-609.5, approve the plat vacation if no owner
418	of interest of property located within the plat or a portion of the plat objects to the vacation at
419	the public hearing; and
420	(ii) may not approve the plat vacation if an owner of interest of property located within
421	the plat or a portion of the plat objects to the vacation at the public hearing.
422	(2) If a petition signed by each owner of interest is filed in accordance with Subsection
423	(1)(a) to amend all or a portion of a plat, the legislative body may, at a public meeting, approve
424	the amendment subject to Subsection (3).
425	(3) (a) If a proposed amendment included in a petition is an amendment that would
426	affect an easement held by a public utility company, and the easement is the only affected
427	public interest, the legislative body shall:
428	(i) send notice to the affected public utility at least 30 days prior to the public meeting;
429	<u>and</u>
430	(ii) if the public utility does not respond within 15 days after the day on which the

431	notice in Subsection (3)(a)(1) is sent, and no later than 15 days before the public meeting, send
432	a second notice.
433	(b) A notice required under Subsection (3)(a) shall:
434	(i) identify the easement identified in the proposed amendment in the petition;
435	(ii) request that the public utility provide the legislative body with a written release or
436	notice of disinterest; and
437	(iii) provide a deadline for the public utility to submit the written release or notice to
438	the legislative body that is no sooner than 30 days after the day on which the first notice is sent.
439	(c) If the affected public utility does not provide a written release or notice of
440	disinterest to the legislative body within 30 days of receiving the first notice described in
441	Subsection (3)(a)(i), the legislative body:
442	(i) may approve the amendment if there is no utility infrastructure located within a lot
443	or easement identified in the petition; and
444	(ii) may not approve the amendment if there is utility infrastructure located within a lot
445	or easement identified in the petition.
446	(d) The legislative body may approve an amendment described in Subsection (3)(c)(i)
447	without a plat.
448	(e) The legislative body may not approve an amendment to a plat or a portion of a plat
449	that affects a public interest other than an interest described in Subsection (3)(a), unless:
450	(i) the legislative body holds a public hearing prior to or concurrent with final plat
451	approval; and
452	(ii) no member of the public objects to the amendment approval at the public hearing.
453	(4) The legislative body shall by ordinance or resolution vacate prior to or concurrent
454	with adoption of a final amended plat each lot and each public or private interest that is
455	amended in accordance with Subsection (2).
456	[(3)] (5) Each request to vacate or amend a plat that contains a request to vacate or
457	amend a public street, right-of-way, or easement is also subject to Section 10-9a-609.5.
458	[(4)] (6) (a) Each petition to vacate or amend an entire plat or a portion of a plat shall
459	include:
460	[(a)] (i) the name and address of each owner of record of the land contained in:
461	(A) the entire plat; or [on]

462	(B) that portion of the plat described in the petition; [and]
463	[(b)] (ii) the signature of each owner [described in Subsection (4)(a)] who consents to
464	the petition[:]; and
465	(iii) the seal and signature of the surveyor who prepared the description included in the
466	petition.
467	(b) A description prepared for purposes described in Subsection (6)(a)(iii) is exempt
468	from the requirements of Section 17-23-17.
469	[(5) (a) The owners of record of adjacent parcels that are described by either a metes
470	and bounds description or by a recorded plat may exchange title to portions of those parcels if
471	the exchange of title is approved by the land use authority in accordance with Subsection
472	<del>(5)(b).</del> ]
473	[(b) The land use authority shall approve an exchange of title under Subsection (5)(a) if
474	the exchange of title will not result in a violation of any land use ordinance.]
475	[(c) If an exchange of title is approved under Subsection (5)(b):]
476	[(i) a notice of approval shall be recorded in the office of the county recorder which:]
477	[(A) is executed by each owner included in the exchange and by the land use
478	authority;]
479	[(B) contains an acknowledgment for each party executing the notice in accordance
480	with the provisions of Title 57, Chapter 2a, Recognition of Acknowledgments Act; and]
481	[(C) recites the descriptions of both the original parcels and the parcels created by the
482	exchange of title; and]
483	[(ii) a document of conveyance shall be recorded in the office of the county recorder.]
484	[(d) A notice of approval recorded under this Subsection (5) does not act as a
485	conveyance of title to real property and is not required in order to record a document conveying
486	title to real property.]
487	[(6)] (7) (a) The name of a recorded subdivision may be changed by recording an
488	[amended plat] ordinance or resolution making that change, as provided in this section [and].
489	(b) A changed name is subject to Subsection [(6) (c)] (8).
490	[(b) The surveyor preparing the amended plat shall certify that the surveyor:]
491	[(i) holds a license in accordance with Title 58, Chapter 22, Professional Engineers and
492	Professional Land Surveyors Licensing Act:

493	[(ii) has completed a survey of the property described on the plat in accordance with
494	Section 17-23-17 and has verified all measurements; and]
495	[(iii) has placed monuments as represented on the plat.]
496	[(c) An owner of land may not submit for recording an amended plat that gives the
497	subdivision described in the amended plat the same name as a subdivision in a plat already
498	recorded in the county recorder's office.]
499	(8) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (8)(b), the county recorder shall approve the
500	name of an amended plat.
501	(b) A county recorder may not approve the name of an amended plat, unless the name:
502	(i) identifies the plat being amended; and
503	(ii) contains a designation so that the amendment may be uniquely identified from
504	another plat of record.
505	(c) The county recorder may make a marginal note on the original dedication plat being
506	amended in accordance with Subsection (8)(a) to identify the new name and the ordinance or
507	resolution enacting the change of name.
508	$[\frac{d}{d}]$ Except as provided in Subsection $[\frac{d}{d}]$ $\underline{(7)}(a)$ , the recording of $[a]$ $\underline{an}$
509	ordinance, resolution, declaration, or other document that purports to change the name of a
510	recorded plat is void.
511	(10) A person may not submit an amended plat to the county recorder for recording.
512	unless the plat is signed, acknowledged, and dedicated by each owner of record of the portion
513	of the plat that is amended.
514	(11) A management committee, as defined in Section 57-8-3, may sign and dedicate an
515	amended plat as provided in Title 57, Chapter 8, Condominium Ownership Act.
516	(12) A plat may be corrected in accordance with Section 57-3-106 if the correction
517	does not substantially or materially change the certifications, dedications, or approvals as
518	originally intended.
519	Section 4. Section 10-9a-609 is amended to read:
520	10-9a-609. Amending a plat Land use authority Recording the amended plat
521	(1) [The] If authorized by the legislative body, the land use authority may approve the
522	[vacation or] amendment of a plat by signing an amended plat [showing the vacation or
523	amendment if], unless the land use authority finds that[: (a) there is good cause for the

524	vacation or amendment; and (b) no public] the amendment amends, changes, or alters a street,
525	right-of-way, or <u>public utility</u> easement [has been vacated or amended].
526	(2) The land use authority shall ensure that the amended plat [showing the vacation or
527	amendment] prepared by a surveyor is recorded in the office of the county recorder in which
528	the land is located.
529	[(3) A legislative body may vacate a subdivision or a portion of a subdivision by
530	recording in the county recorder's office an ordinance describing the subdivision or the portion
531	being vacated.]
532	(3) (a) Unless a local ordinance provides otherwise, and subject to Subsection (3)(b), a
533	land use authority shall consider an owner's petition to amend a plat or a portion of a plat if the
534	petition seeks to:
535	(i) join two or more petitioning fee owner's contiguous lots;
536	(ii) subdivide one or more of the petitioning fee owner's lots;
537	(iii) adjust an internal lot restriction or easement on a lot owned by a petitioning fee
538	owner; or
539	(iv) alter a plat in a manner that does not change existing boundaries or other attributes
540	of a lot within the subdivision if:
541	(A) the lot is not owned by the petitioner;
542	(B) the alteration is not designated as a common area; and
543	(C) in accordance with an applicable local ordinance, each adjacent property owner has
544	received notice of the proposed alteration.
545	(b) The land use authority may not approve an amendment proposed in a petition if:
546	(i) the subdivision will result in a violation of a land use ordinance or development
547	condition;
548	(ii) the amendment requires the alteration or vacation of a public street or public
549	easement; or
550	(iii) the land use authority has not complied with the requirements of Subsection (4).
551	(c) If a land use authority approves a petition, the land use authority shall submit to the
552	legislative body a proposed ordinance or resolution to vacate prior to or concurrent with
553	approval of an amended plat each lot or easement involved in an adjustment described in
554	Subsection (3)(a).

555	(d) The land use authority shall ensure that the amended plat prepared by the surveyor
556	is recorded in the office of the county recorder in which the land is located.
557	(4) (a) If a proposed amendment included in a petition is an amendment that would
558	affect an easement held by a public utility company, the land use authority shall:
559	(i) send notice to the affected public utility at least 30 days prior to taking action on the
560	petition; and
561	(ii) if the public utility does not respond within 15 days after the day on which the
562	notice in Subsection (4)(a)(i) is sent, and no later than 15 days before taking final action, send a
563	second notice.
564	(b) A notice required under Subsection (4)(a) shall:
565	(i) identify the easement identified in the proposed amendment in the petition;
566	(ii) request that the public utility provide the land use authority with a written release
567	or notice of disinterest; and
568	(iii) provide a deadline for the public utility to submit the written release or notice to
569	the land use authority that is no sooner than 30 days after the day on which the first notice is
570	sent.
571	(c) If the affected public utility does not provide a written release or notice of
572	disinterest to the land use authority within 30 days of receiving the first notice described in
573	Subsection (4)(a)(i), the land use authority:
574	(i) may approve the amendment and propose to the legislative body an ordinance or
575	resolution to vacate prior to or concurrent with approval of an amended plat each lot or
576	easement described in a petition described in Subsection (3)(a) if there is no utility
577	infrastructure located within a lot or easement identified in the petition; and
578	(ii) may not approve the amendment or propose to the legislative body an ordinance or
579	resolution to vacate if there is utility infrastructure located within a lot or easement identified in
580	the petition.
581	(5) (a) The owners of record of adjacent parcels may exchange title to portions of those
582	parcels if the exchange of title is:
583	(i) approved by the land use authority in accordance with Subsection (5)(b); and
584	(ii) an exchange described in Subsection 17-27a-103(59)(c).
585	(b) The land use authority shall approve an exchange of title in accordance with this

586	Subsection (5) if the exchange of title will not result in a violation of a land use ordinance.
587	(c) If an exchange of title is approved under Subsection (5)(b):
588	(i) the land use authority shall affix a notice of approval to the face of a plat prepared in
589	accordance with Section 17-23-17 showing the exchange of title and file the notice in the office
590	of the county surveyor; and
591	(ii) each owner of record shall, concurrent with the filing of the record of survey plat
592	required in accordance with Subsection (5)(c)(i), record a deed of conveyance of title reflecting
593	the approved change in the office of the county recorder of each affected county.
594	(d) A notice of approval recorded under this Subsection (5) does not act as a
595	conveyance of title to real property and is not required to record a document conveying title to
596	<u>real property.</u>
597	[(4)] (6) An amended plat may not be submitted to the county recorder for recording
598	unless it is signed, acknowledged, and dedicated by each owner of record of the portion of the
599	plat that is amended.
600	[(5)] (7) A management committee may sign and dedicate an amended plat as provided
601	in Title 57, Chapter 8, Condominium Ownership Act.
602	[(6)] (8) A plat may be corrected as provided in Section 57-3-106 if the correction does
603	not substantially or materially change the certifications, dedications, or approvals as originally
604	<u>intended</u> .
605	Section 5. Section 10-9a-609.5 is amended to read:
606	10-9a-609.5. Vacating a street, right-of-way, or easement.
607	(1) A petition to vacate some or all of a public street, right-of-way, or easement shall
608	include:
609	(a) the name and address of each owner of record of land that is:
610	(i) adjacent to the public street, right-of-way, or easement; or
611	(ii) accessed exclusively by or within 300 feet of the public street, right-of-way, or
612	easement; and
613	(b) the signature of each owner under Subsection (1)(a) who consents to the vacation.
614	(2) If a petition is submitted containing a request to vacate some or all of a street,
615	right-of-way, or easement, the legislative body shall hold a public hearing in accordance with
616	Section 10-9a-208 and determine whether:

617	(a) good cause exists for the vacation; and
618	(b) the public interest or any person will be materially injured by the proposed
619	vacation.
620	(3) The legislative body may adopt an ordinance or resolution granting a petition to
621	vacate some or all of a public street, right-of-way, or easement if the legislative body finds that:
622	(a) good cause exists for the vacation; and
623	(b) neither the public interest nor any person will be materially injured by the vacation.
624	(4) If the legislative body adopts an ordinance or resolution vacating some or all of a
625	public street, right-of-way, or easement, the legislative body shall ensure that one or both of the
626	following is recorded in the office of the recorder of the county in which the land is located:
627	(a) a plat [reflecting the vacation], if required in accordance with Section 10-9a-609; or
628	(b) an ordinance <u>or resolution</u> described in Subsection (3).
629	(5) The action of the legislative body vacating some or all of a street, right-of-way, or
630	easement that has been dedicated to public use:
631	(a) operates to the extent to which it is vacated, upon the [effective date of the recorded
632	plat,] date of recording in accordance with Subsection (4) as a revocation of the acceptance of
633	and the relinquishment of the municipality's fee or other property interest in the vacated street,
634	right-of-way, or easement; and
635	(b) may not be construed to impair:
636	(i) any right-of-way or easement of any lot owner; or
637	(ii) the franchise rights of any public utility.
638	Section 6. Section 17-27a-103 is amended to read:
639	17-27a-103. Definitions.
640	As used in this chapter:
641	(1) "Affected entity" means a county, municipality, local district, special service
642	district under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act, school district, interlocal
643	cooperation entity established under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, specified
644	property owner, property owners association, public utility, or the Utah Department of
645	Transportation, if:
646	(a) the entity's services or facilities are likely to require expansion or significant
647	modification because of an intended use of land;

648 (b) the entity has filed with the county a copy of the entity's general or long-range plan; 649 or 650 (c) the entity has filed with the county a request for notice during the same calendar 651 year and before the county provides notice to an affected entity in compliance with a 652 requirement imposed under this chapter. 653 (2) "Appeal authority" means the person, board, commission, agency, or other body 654 designated by ordinance to decide an appeal of a decision of a land use application or a 655 variance. 656 (3) "Billboard" means a freestanding ground sign located on industrial, commercial, or 657 residential property if the sign is designed or intended to direct attention to a business, product, 658 or service that is not sold, offered, or existing on the property where the sign is located. 659 (4) (a) "Charter school" means: 660 (i) an operating charter school; 661 (ii) a charter school applicant that has its application approved by a chartering entity in 662 accordance with Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 5, The Utah Charter Schools Act; or 663 (iii) an entity who is working on behalf of a charter school or approved charter 664 applicant to develop or construct a charter school building. 665 (b) "Charter school" does not include a therapeutic school. 666 (5) "Chief executive officer" means the person or body that exercises the executive 667 powers of the county. 668 (6) "Conditional use" means a land use that, because of its unique characteristics or 669 potential impact on the county, surrounding neighbors, or adjacent land uses, may not be 670 compatible in some areas or may be compatible only if certain conditions are required that 671 mitigate or eliminate the detrimental impacts. 672 (7) "Constitutional taking" means a governmental action that results in a taking of 673 private property so that compensation to the owner of the property is required by the: 674 (a) Fifth or Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; or 675

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(8) "Culinary water authority" means the department, agency, or public entity with

responsibility to review and approve the feasibility of the culinary water system and sources for

(b) Utah Constitution Article I, Section 22.

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679	(9) "Development activity" means:
680	(a) any construction or expansion of a building, structure, or use that creates additional
681	demand and need for public facilities;
682	(b) any change in use of a building or structure that creates additional demand and need
683	for public facilities; or
684	(c) any change in the use of land that creates additional demand and need for public
685	facilities.
686	(10) (a) "Disability" means a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits
687	one or more of a person's major life activities, including a person having a record of such an
688	impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment.
689	(b) "Disability" does not include current illegal use of, or addiction to, any federally
690	controlled substance, as defined in Section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C.
691	802.
692	(11) "Educational facility":
693	(a) means:
694	(i) a school district's building at which pupils assemble to receive instruction in a
695	program for any combination of grades from preschool through grade 12, including
696	kindergarten and a program for children with disabilities;
697	(ii) a structure or facility:
698	(A) located on the same property as a building described in Subsection (11)(a)(i); and
699	(B) used in support of the use of that building; and
700	(iii) a building to provide office and related space to a school district's administrative
701	personnel; and
702	(b) does not include:
703	(i) land or a structure, including land or a structure for inventory storage, equipment
704	storage, food processing or preparing, vehicle storage or maintenance, or similar use that is:
705	(A) not located on the same property as a building described in Subsection (11)(a)(i);
706	and
707	(B) used in support of the purposes of a building described in Subsection (11)(a)(i); or
708	(ii) a therapeutic school.
709	(12) "Elderly person" means a person who is 60 years old or older, who desires or

710 needs to live with other elderly persons in a group setting, but who is capable of living 711 independently. 712 (13) "Fire authority" means the department, agency, or public entity with responsibility 713 to review and approve the feasibility of fire protection and suppression services for the subject 714 property. 715 (14) "Flood plain" means land that: 716 (a) is within the 100-year flood plain designated by the Federal Emergency 717 Management Agency; or 718 (b) has not been studied or designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency 719 but presents a likelihood of experiencing chronic flooding or a catastrophic flood event because 720 the land has characteristics that are similar to those of a 100-year flood plain designated by the 721 Federal Emergency Management Agency. 722 (15) "Gas corporation" has the same meaning as defined in Section 54-2-1. 723 (16) "General plan" means a document that a county adopts that sets forth general 724 guidelines for proposed future development of the unincorporated land within the county. 725 (17) "Geologic hazard" means: 726 (a) a surface fault rupture; 727 (b) shallow groundwater; 728 (c) liquefaction; 729 (d) a landslide; 730 (e) a debris flow; 731 (f) unstable soil; 732 (g) a rock fall; or 733 (h) any other geologic condition that presents a risk: 734 (i) to life; 735 (ii) of substantial loss of real property; or 736 (iii) of substantial damage to real property. 737 (18) "Internal lot restriction" means a platted note, platted demarcation, or platted 738 designation that:

(b) (i) creates a restriction that is enclosed within the perimeter of a lot described on

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741	the plat; or
742	(ii) designates a development condition that is enclosed within the perimeter of a lot
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744	(19) "Hookup fee" means a fee for the installation and inspection of any pipe, line,
745	meter, or appurtenance to connect to a county water, sewer, storm water, power, or other utility
746	system.
747	(20) "Identical plans" means building plans submitted to a county that:
748	(a) are clearly marked as "identical plans";
749	(b) are substantially identical building plans that were previously submitted to and
750	reviewed and approved by the county; and
751	(c) describe a building that:
752	(i) is located on land zoned the same as the land on which the building described in the
753	previously approved plans is located;
754	(ii) is subject to the same geological and meteorological conditions and the same law
755	as the building described in the previously approved plans;
756	(iii) has a floor plan identical to the building plan previously submitted to and reviewed
757	and approved by the county; and
758	(iv) does not require any additional engineering or analysis.
759	(21) "Impact fee" means a payment of money imposed under Title 11, Chapter 36a,
760	Impact Fees Act.
761	(22) "Improvement assurance" means a surety bond, letter of credit, cash, or other
762	security:
763	(a) to guaranty the proper completion of an improvement;
764	(b) that is required as a condition precedent to:
765	(i) recording a subdivision plat; or
766	(ii) beginning development activity; and
767	(c) that is offered to a land use authority to induce the land use authority, before actual
768	construction of required improvements, to:

(23) "Improvement assurance warranty" means a promise that the materials and

(i) consent to the recording of a subdivision plat; or

(ii) issue a permit for development activity.

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- (a) comport with standards that the county has officially adopted; and
- (b) will not fail in any material respect within a warranty period.
- 775 (24) "Interstate pipeline company" means a person or entity engaged in natural gas 776 transportation subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under 777 the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 717 et seq.
  - (25) "Intrastate pipeline company" means a person or entity engaged in natural gas transportation that is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 717 et seq.
- 781 (26) "Land use application" means an application required by a county's land use ordinance.
  - (27) "Land use authority" means a person, board, commission, agency, or other body designated by the local legislative body to act upon a land use application.
  - (28) "Land use ordinance" means a planning, zoning, development, or subdivision ordinance of the county, but does not include the general plan.
    - (29) "Land use permit" means a permit issued by a land use authority.
  - (30) "Legislative body" means the county legislative body, or for a county that has adopted an alternative form of government, the body exercising legislative powers.
  - (31) "Local district" means any entity under Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities Local Districts, and any other governmental or quasi-governmental entity that is not a county, municipality, school district, or the state.
  - (32) (a) "Lot" means a lot, unit, area, building, tract, or other description of real estate that is identified on a recorded plat.
    - (b) "Lot" does not include a parcel.
  - [(32)] (33) "Lot line adjustment" means the relocation of the property boundary line in a <u>recorded</u> subdivision between two <u>or more</u> adjoining lots with the consent of the owners of record.
  - [(33)] (34) "Moderate income housing" means housing occupied or reserved for occupancy by households with a gross household income equal to or less than 80% of the median gross income for households of the same size in the county in which the housing is located.

803	[(34)] (35) "Nominal fee" means a fee that reasonably reimburses a county only for
804	time spent and expenses incurred in:
805	(a) verifying that building plans are identical plans; and
806	(b) reviewing and approving those minor aspects of identical plans that differ from the
807	previously reviewed and approved building plans.
808	[(35)] (36) "Noncomplying structure" means a structure that:
809	(a) legally existed before its current land use designation; and
810	(b) because of one or more subsequent land use ordinance changes, does not conform
811	to the setback, height restrictions, or other regulations, excluding those regulations that govern
812	the use of land.
813	[(36)] (37) "Nonconforming use" means a use of land that:
814	(a) legally existed before its current land use designation;
815	(b) has been maintained continuously since the time the land use ordinance regulation
816	governing the land changed; and
817	(c) because of one or more subsequent land use ordinance changes, does not conform
818	to the regulations that now govern the use of the land.
819	[(37)] (38) "Official map" means a map drawn by county authorities and recorded in
820	the county recorder's office that:
821	(a) shows actual and proposed rights-of-way, centerline alignments, and setbacks for
822	highways and other transportation facilities;
823	(b) provides a basis for restricting development in designated rights-of-way or between
824	designated setbacks to allow the government authorities time to purchase or otherwise reserve
825	the land; and
826	(c) has been adopted as an element of the county's general plan.
827	(39) "Parcel" means a description of real estate that is not part of a recorded plat.
828	(40) "Parcel line adjustment" means an adjustment of a common boundary line
829	between two or more parcels that are not part of a recorded plat.
830	[(38)] (41) "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, organization,
831	association, trust, governmental agency, or any other legal entity.
832	[(39)] (42) "Plan for moderate income housing" means a written document adopted by
833	a county legislative body that includes:

834	(a) an estimate of the existing supply of moderate income housing located within the
835	county;
836	(b) an estimate of the need for moderate income housing in the county for the next five
837	years as revised biennially;
838	(c) a survey of total residential land use;
839	(d) an evaluation of how existing land uses and zones affect opportunities for moderate
840	income housing; and
841	(e) a description of the county's program to encourage an adequate supply of moderate
842	income housing.
843	[(40)] (43) "Plat" or "final plat" means a map, plat, or other graphical representation of
844	lands being laid out [and prepared in accordance with Section 17-27a-603,17-23-17, or
845	57-8-13], subdivided, defined, or described for a subdivision, condominium, townhouse,
846	planned unit development, or other land development purpose.
847	[(41)] (44) "Potential geologic hazard area" means an area that:
848	(a) is designated by a Utah Geological Survey map, county geologist map, or other
849	relevant map or report as needing further study to determine the area's potential for geologic
850	hazard; or
851	(b) has not been studied by the Utah Geological Survey or a county geologist but
852	presents the potential of geologic hazard because the area has characteristics similar to those of
853	a designated geologic hazard area.
854	[ <del>(42)</del> ] <u>(45)</u> "Public agency" means:
855	(a) the federal government;
856	(b) the state;
857	(c) a county, municipality, school district, local district, special service district, or other
858	political subdivision of the state; or
859	(d) a charter school.
860	[(43)] (46) "Public hearing" means a hearing at which members of the public are
861	provided a reasonable opportunity to comment on the subject of the hearing.
862	[(44)] (47) "Public meeting" means a meeting that is required to be open to the public
863	under Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.
864	[(45)] (48) "Receiving zone" means an unincorporated area of a county that the county

865	designates, by ordinance, as an area in which an owner of land may receive a transferable
866	development right.
867	[(46)] (49) "Record of survey map" means a map of a survey of land prepared in
868	accordance with Section 17-23-17.
869	[(47)] (50) "Residential facility for elderly persons" means a single-family or
870	multiple-family dwelling unit that meets the requirements of Section 17-27a-515, but does not
871	include a health care facility as defined by Section 26-21-2.
872	[(48)] (51) "Residential facility for persons with a disability" means a residence:
873	(a) in which more than one person with a disability resides; and
874	(b) (i) is licensed or certified by the Department of Human Services under Title 62A,
875	Chapter 2, Licensure of Programs and Facilities; or
876	(ii) is licensed or certified by the Department of Health under Title 26, Chapter 21,
877	Health Care Facility Licensing and Inspection Act.
878	[(49)] (52) "Rules of order and procedure" means a set of rules that govern and
879	prescribe in a public meeting:
880	(a) parliamentary order and procedure;
881	(b) ethical behavior; and
882	(c) civil discourse.
883	[(50)] (53) "Sanitary sewer authority" means the department, agency, or public entity
884	with responsibility to review and approve the feasibility of sanitary sewer services or onsite
885	wastewater systems.
886	[(51)] (54) "Sending zone" means an unincorporated area of a county that the county
887	designates, by ordinance, as an area from which an owner of land may transfer a transferable
888	development right.
889	[ <del>(52)</del> ] <u>(55)</u> "Specified public agency" means:
890	(a) the state;
891	(b) a school district; or
892	(c) a charter school.
893	[(53)] (56) "Specified public utility" means an electrical corporation, gas corporation,
894	or telephone corporation, as those terms are defined in Section 54-2-1.
895	[(54)] (57) "State" includes any department, division, or agency of the state.

896	[(55)] (58) "Street" means a public right-of-way, including a highway, avenue,
897	boulevard, parkway, road, lane, walk, alley, viaduct, subway, tunnel, bridge, public easement,
898	or other way.
899	[(56)] (59) (a) "Subdivision" means any land that is divided, resubdivided or proposed
900	to be divided into two or more lots, parcels, sites, units, plots, or other division of land for the
901	purpose, whether immediate or future, for offer, sale, lease, or development either on the
902	installment plan or upon any and all other plans, terms, and conditions.
903	(b) "Subdivision" includes:
904	(i) the division or development of land whether by deed, metes and bounds description,
905	devise and testacy, map, plat, or other recorded instrument; and
906	(ii) except as provided in Subsection [(56)] (59)(c), divisions of land for residential and
907	nonresidential uses, including land used or to be used for commercial, agricultural, and
908	industrial purposes.
909	(c) "Subdivision" does not include:
910	[(i) a bona fide division or partition of agricultural land for agricultural purposes;]
911	[(ii) a recorded agreement between owners of adjoining properties adjusting their
912	mutual boundary if:]
913	(i) a parcel line adjustment if:
914	(A) no new lot is created; and
915	(B) the adjustment does not violate applicable land use ordinances;
916	[(iii)] (ii) a recorded document, executed by the owner of record:
917	(A) revising the legal description of more than one contiguous unsubdivided parcel of
918	property into one legal description encompassing all such parcels of property; or
919	(B) joining a subdivided parcel of property to another parcel of property that has not
920	been subdivided, if the joinder does not violate applicable land use ordinances;
921	[(iv)] (iii) a bona fide division or partition of land in a county other than a first class
922	county for the purpose of siting, on one or more of the resulting separate parcels:
923	(A) an electrical transmission line or a substation;
924	(B) a natural gas pipeline or a regulation station; or
925	(C) an unmanned telecommunications, microwave, fiber optic, electrical, or other
926	utility service regeneration, transformation, retransmission, or amplification facility;

927	$\left[\frac{(v)}{(iv)}\right]$ a recorded agreement between owners of adjoining subdivided properties
928	adjusting their mutual boundary if:
929	(A) no new dwelling lot or housing unit will result from the adjustment; and
930	(B) the adjustment will not violate any applicable land use ordinance; or
931	[(vi)] (v) a bona fide division or partition of land by deed or other instrument where the
932	land use authority expressly approves in writing the division in anticipation of further land use
933	approvals on the parcel or parcels.
934	(d) The joining of a subdivided parcel of property to another parcel of property that has
935	not been subdivided does not constitute a subdivision under this Subsection [(56)] (59) as to
936	the unsubdivided parcel of property or subject the unsubdivided parcel to the county's
937	subdivision ordinance.
938	[(57)] (60) "Therapeutic school" means a residential group living facility:
939	(a) for four or more individuals who are not related to:
940	(i) the owner of the facility; or
941	(ii) the primary service provider of the facility;
942	(b) that serves students who have a history of failing to function:
943	(i) at home;
944	(ii) in a public school; or
945	(iii) in a nonresidential private school; and
946	(c) that offers:
947	(i) room and board; and
948	(ii) an academic education integrated with:
949	(A) specialized structure and supervision; or
950	(B) services or treatment related to a disability, an emotional development, a
951	behavioral development, a familial development, or a social development.
952	[(58)] (61) "Township" means a contiguous, geographically defined portion of the
953	unincorporated area of a county, established under this part or reconstituted or reinstated under
954	Section 17-27a-306, with planning and zoning functions as exercised through the township
955	planning commission, as provided in this chapter, but with no legal or political identity
956	separate from the county and no taxing authority, except that "township" means a former
957	township under Laws of Utah 1996, Chapter 308, where the context so indicates.

958	[(59)] (62) "Transferable development right" means a right to develop and use land that
959	originates by an ordinance that authorizes a land owner in a designated sending zone to transfer
960	land use rights from a designated sending zone to a designated receiving zone.
961	[(60)] (63) "Unincorporated" means the area outside of the incorporated area of a
962	municipality.
963	(64) "Vacate" means the process in which a legislative body takes formal action to:
964	(a) abdicate the public interest or the interest of a public utility within a recorded plat
965	by eliminating the ability to describe real estate by reference to the plat or portion of the plat
966	that is vacated; and
967	(b) relinquish a public use or claim.
968	(65) "Vacating plat" means a plat that:
969	(a) shows and describes a public street that is being vacated;
970	(b) identifies and describes the ownership of each part or portion of the vacated street;
971	<u>and</u>
972	(c) is prepared by a surveyor.
973	[(61)] (66) "Water interest" means any right to the beneficial use of water, including:
974	(a) each of the rights listed in Section 73-1-11; and
975	(b) an ownership interest in the right to the beneficial use of water represented by:
976	(i) a contract; or
977	(ii) a share in a water company, as defined in Section 73-3-3.5.
978	[(62)] (67) "Zoning map" means a map, adopted as part of a land use ordinance, that
979	depicts land use zones, overlays, or districts.
980	Section 7. Section <b>17-27a-607</b> is amended to read:
981	17-27a-607. Dedication of streets and other public places.
982	(1) A final plat that [is signed, dedicated, and acknowledged by each owner of record,
983	and approved according to the procedures specified in this part,] meets the requirements of
984	<u>Section 17-27a-604:</u>
985	(a) operates, when recorded, as a dedication and granting of an easement or
986	right-of-way of all streets and other public places[-,]; and
987	(b) vests the fee of <u>a public easement or right-of-way on</u> those parcels of land in the
988	county for [the public for the uses] public use or an entity's use as specifically named or

989	intended in the dedication language included on the final plat.
990	(2) The dedication established by this section does not impose liability upon the county
991	for streets and other public places that are dedicated in this manner but are unimproved.
992	(3) (a) If a public easement or right-of-way is located in an area that is annexed, the
993	easement or right-of-way shall vest in the annexing entity.
994	(b) A change of a vesting right described in Subsection (3)(a) does not affect a public
995	utility or other facility, structure, monument, or other property that is owned or controlled by a
996	county or a utility owner.
997	Section 8. Section 17-27a-608 is amended to read:
998	17-27a-608. Vacating or amending a subdivision plat Legislative body
999	Recording the amended plat.
1000	(1) (a) A fee owner of land, as shown on the last county assessment roll, in a
1001	subdivision, condominium, or platted project, that has been laid out and platted as provided in
1002	this part, may file a written petition with:
1003	(i) the land use authority, in accordance with Section 17-27a-609, to amend some or all
1004	of a plat; or
1005	(ii) the legislative body, in accordance with this section, to have some or all of the plat
1006	vacated or amended.
1007	(b) If a petition signed by each owner of interest of property located within the plat or a
1008	portion of a plat is filed under Subsection (1)(a)(i) to vacate all of a plat or a portion of a plat,
1009	the [land use authority] legislative body shall:
1010	(i) prepare a vacating plat; and
1011	(ii) except as provided in Subsection (2), hold a public hearing within 45 days after the
1012	day on which the petition is filed [if:].
1013	[(i) any owner within the plat notifies the county of the owner's objection in writing
1014	within 10 days of mailed notification; or]
1015	[(ii) a public hearing is required because all of the owners in the subdivision have not
1016	signed the revised plat.]
1017	[(2) Unless a local ordinance provides otherwise, the public hearing requirement of
1018	Subsection (1)(b) does not apply and a land use authority may consider at a public meeting an

owner's petition to vacate or amend a subdivision plat if:]

1020	[ <del>(a) the petition seeks to:</del> ]
1021	[(i) join two or more of the petitioning fee owner's contiguous lots;]
1022	[(ii) subdivide one or more of the petitioning fee owner's lots, if the subdivision will
1023	not result in a violation of a land use ordinance or a development condition;]
1024	[(iii) adjust the lot lines of adjoining lots or parcels if the fee owners of each of the
1025	adjoining lots or parcels join the petition, regardless of whether the lots or parcels are located in
1026	the same subdivision;]
1027	[(iv) on a lot owned by the petitioning fee owner, adjust an internal lot restriction
1028	imposed by the local political subdivision; or]
1029	[(v) alter the plat in a manner that does not change existing boundaries or other
1030	attributes of lots within the subdivision that are not:]
1031	[(A) owned by the petitioner; or]
1032	[(B) designated as a common area; and]
1033	[(b) notice has been given to adjacent property owners in accordance with any
1034	applicable local ordinance.]
1035	(c) The legislative body:
1036	(i) may, in accordance with Section 17-27a-609.5, approve the plat vacation if no
1037	owner of interest of property located within the plat or a portion of the plat objects to the
1038	vacation at the public hearing; and
1039	(ii) may not approve the plat vacation if an owner of interest of property located within
1040	the plat or a portion of the plat objects to the vacation at the public hearing.
1041	(2) If a petition signed by each owner of interest is filed in accordance with Subsection
1042	(1)(a) to amend all or a portion of a plat, the legislative body may, at a public meeting, approve
1043	the amendment subject to Subsection (3).
1044	(3) (a) If a proposed amendment included in a petition is an amendment that would
1045	affect an easement held by a public utility company, and the easement is the only affected
1046	public interest, the legislative body shall:
1047	(i) send notice to the affected public utility at least 30 days prior to the public meeting;
1048	<u>and</u>
1049	(ii) if the public utility does not respond within 15 days after the day on which the
1050	notice in Subsection (3)(a)(i) is sent, and no later than 15 days before the public meeting, send

1051	a second notice.
1052	(b) A notice required under Subsection (3)(a) shall:
1053	(i) identify the easement identified in the proposed amendment in the petition;
1054	(ii) request that the public utility provide the legislative body with a written release or
1055	notice of disinterest; and
1056	(iii) provide a deadline for the public utility to submit the written release or notice to
1057	the legislative body that is no sooner than 30 days after the day on which the first notice is sent.
1058	(c) If the affected public utility does not provide a written release or notice of
1059	disinterest to the legislative body within 30 days of receiving the first notice described in
1060	Subsection (3)(a)(i), the legislative body:
1061	(i) may approve the amendment if there is no utility infrastructure located within a lot
1062	or easement identified in the petition; and
1063	(ii) may not approve the amendment if there is utility infrastructure located within a lot
1064	or easement identified in the petition.
1065	(d) The legislative body may approve an amendment described in Subsection (3)(c)(i)
1066	without a plat.
1067	(e) The legislative body may not approve an amendment to a plat or a portion of a plat
1068	that affects a public interest other than an interest described in Subsection (3)(a), unless:
1069	(i) the legislative body holds a public hearing prior to or concurrent with final plat
1070	approval; and
1071	(ii) no member of the public objects to the amendment approval at the public hearing.
1072	(4) The legislative body shall by ordinance or resolution vacate prior to or concurrent
1073	with adoption of a final amended plat each lot and each public or private interest that is
1074	amended in accordance with Subsection (2).
1075	[(3)] (5) Each request to vacate or amend a plat that contains a request to vacate or
1076	amend a public street, right-of-way, or easement is also subject to Section 17-27a-609.5.
1077	[(4)] (6) (a) Each petition to vacate or amend an entire plat or a portion of a plat shall
1078	include:
1079	[(a)] (i) the name and address of each owner of record of the land contained in:
1080	[ <del>(i)</del> ] (A) the entire plat; or
1081	[(ii)] (B) that portion of the [plan] plat described in the petition; [and]

1082	[(b)] (ii) the signature of each owner who consents to the petition[-]; and
1083	(iii) the seal and signature of the surveyor who prepared the description included in the
1084	petition.
1085	(b) A description prepared for purposes described in Subsection (6)(a)(iii) is exempt
1086	from the requirements of Section 17-23-17.
1087	[(5) (a) The owners of record of adjacent parcels that are described by either a metes
1088	and bounds description or by a recorded plat may exchange title to portions of those parcels if
1089	the exchange of title is approved by the land use authority in accordance with Subsection
1090	<del>(5)(b).</del> ]
1091	[(b) The land use authority shall approve an exchange of title under Subsection (5)(a) if
1092	the exchange of title will not result in a violation of any land use ordinance.]
1093	[(c) If an exchange of title is approved under Subsection (5)(b):]
1094	[(i) a notice of approval shall be recorded in the office of the county recorder which:]
1095	[(A) is executed by each owner included in the exchange and by the land use
1096	authority;]
1097	[(B) contains an acknowledgment for each party executing the notice in accordance
1098	with the provisions of Title 57, Chapter 2a, Recognition of Acknowledgments Act; and]
1099	[(C) recites the descriptions of both the original parcels and the parcels created by the
1100	exchange of title; and]
1101	[(ii) a document of conveyance of title reflecting the approved change shall be recorded
1102	in the office of the county recorder.]
1103	[(d) A notice of approval recorded under this Subsection (5) does not act as a
1104	conveyance of title to real property and is not required to record a document conveying title to
1105	real property.]
1106	[(6)] (7) (a) The name of a recorded subdivision may be changed by recording an
1107	[amended plat] ordinance or resolution making that change, as provided in this section [and].
1108	(b) A changed name is subject to Subsection [(6)(c)] (8).
1109	[(b) The surveyor preparing the amended plat shall certify that the surveyor:]
1110	[(i) holds a license in accordance with Title 58, Chapter 22, Professional Engineers and
1111	Professional Land Surveyors Licensing Act;]
1112	[(ii) has completed a survey of the property described on the plat in accordance with

1113	Section 17-23-17 and has verified all measurements; and
1114	[(iii) has placed monuments as represented on the plat.]
1115	[(c) An owner of land may not submit for recording an amended plat that gives the
1116	subdivision described in the amended plat the same name as a subdivision recorded in the
1117	county recorder's office.]
1118	(8) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (8)(b), the county recorder shall approve the
1119	name of an amended plat.
1120	(b) A county recorder may not approve the name of an amended plat, unless the name:
1121	(i) identifies the plat being amended; and
1122	(ii) contains a designation so that the amendment may be uniquely identified from
1123	another plat of record.
1124	(c) The county recorder may make a marginal note on the original dedication plat being
1125	amended in accordance with Subsection (8)(a) to identify the new name and the ordinance or
1126	resolution enacting the change of name.
1127	$[\frac{(d)}{2}]$ Except as provided in Subsection $[\frac{(6)}{2}]$ $[\frac{(7)}{2}]$ (a), the recording of $[\frac{1}{2}]$ an
1128	ordinance, resolution, declaration, or other document that purports to change the name of a
1129	recorded plat is void.
1130	(10) A person may not submit an amended plat to the county recorder for recording,
1131	unless the plat is signed, acknowledged, and dedicated by each owner of record of the portion
1132	of the plat that is amended.
1133	(11) A management committee, as defined in Section 57-8-3, may sign and dedicate an
1134	amended plat as provided in Title 57, Chapter 8, Condominium Ownership Act.
1135	(12) A plat may be corrected in accordance with Section 57-3-106 if the correction
1136	does not substantially or materially change the certifications, dedications, or approvals as
1137	originally intended.
1138	Section 9. Section 17-27a-609 is amended to read:
1139	17-27a-609. Amending a plat Land use authority Recording the amended
1140	plat.
1141	(1) [The] If authorized by the legislative body, the land use authority may approve the
1142	[vacation or] amendment of a plat by signing an amended plat [showing the vacation or
1143	amendment if], unless the land use authority finds that[: (a) there is good cause for the

1144	vacation or amendment; and (b) no public] the amendment amends, changes, or alters a street,
1145	right-of-way, or <u>public utility</u> easement [has been vacated or amended].
1146	(2) The land use authority shall ensure that the amended plat [showing the vacation or
1147	amendment] prepared by a surveyor is recorded in the office of the county recorder in which
1148	the land is located.
1149	[(3) A legislative body may vacate a subdivision or a portion of a subdivision by
1150	recording in the county recorder's office an ordinance describing the subdivision or the portion
1151	being vacated.]
1152	(3) (a) Unless a local ordinance provides otherwise, and subject to Subsection (3)(b), a
1153	land use authority shall consider an owner's petition to amend a plat or a portion of a plat if the
1154	petition seeks to:
1155	(i) join two or more petitioning fee owner's contiguous lots;
1156	(ii) subdivide one or more of the petitioning fee owner's lots;
1157	(iii) adjust an internal lot restriction or easement on a lot owned by a petitioning fee
1158	owner; or
1159	(iv) alter a plat in a manner that does not change existing boundaries or other attributes
1160	of a lot within the subdivision if:
1161	(A) the lot is not owned by the petitioner;
1162	(B) the alteration is not designated as a common area; and
1163	(C) in accordance with an applicable local ordinance, each adjacent property owner has
1164	received notice of the proposed alteration.
1165	(b) The land use authority may not approve an amendment proposed in a petition if:
1166	(i) the subdivision will result in a violation of a land use ordinance or development
1167	condition;
1168	(ii) the amendment requires the alteration or vacation of a public street or public
1169	easement; or
1170	(iii) the land use authority has not complied with the requirements of Subsection (4).
1171	(c) If a land use authority approves a petition, the land use authority shall submit to the
1172	legislative body a proposed ordinance or resolution to vacate prior to or concurrent with
1173	approval of an amended plat each lot or easement involved in an adjustment described in
1174	Subsection (3)(a).

1175	(d) The land use authority shall ensure that the amended plat prepared by the surveyor
1176	is recorded in the office of the county recorder in which the land is located.
1177	(4) (a) If a proposed amendment included in a petition is an amendment that would
1178	affect an easement held by a public utility company, the land use authority shall:
1179	(i) send notice to the affected public utility at least 30 days prior to taking action on the
1180	petition; and
1181	(ii) if the public utility does not respond within 15 days after the day on which the
1182	notice in Subsection (4)(a)(i) is sent, and no later than 15 days before taking final action, send a
1183	second notice.
1184	(b) A notice required under Subsection (4)(a) shall:
1185	(i) identify the easement identified in the proposed amendment in the petition;
1186	(ii) request that the public utility provide the land use authority with a written release
1187	or notice of disinterest; and
1188	(iii) provide a deadline for the public utility to submit the written release or notice to
1189	the land use authority that is no sooner than 30 days after the day on which the first notice is
1190	sent.
1191	(c) If the affected public utility does not provide a written release or notice of
1192	disinterest to the land use authority within 30 days of receiving the first notice described in
1193	Subsection (4)(a)(i), the land use authority:
1194	(i) may approve the amendment and propose to the legislative body an ordinance or
1195	resolution to vacate prior to or concurrent with approval of an amended plat each lot or
1196	easement described in a petition described in Subsection (3)(a) if there is no utility
1197	infrastructure located within a lot or easement identified in the petition; and
1198	(ii) may not approve the amendment or propose to the legislative body an ordinance or
1199	resolution to vacate if there is utility infrastructure located within a lot or easement identified in
1200	the petition.
1201	(5) (a) The owners of record of adjacent parcels may exchange title to portions of those
1202	parcels if the exchange of title is:
1203	(i) approved by the land use authority in accordance with Subsection (5)(b); and
1204	(ii) an exchange described in Subsection 17-27a-103(59)(c).
1205	(b) The land use authority shall approve an exchange of title in accordance with this

1206	Subsection (5) if the exchange of title will not result in a violation of a land use ordinance.
1207	(c) If an exchange of title is approved under Subsection (5)(b):
1208	(i) the land use authority shall affix a notice of approval to the face of a plat prepared in
1209	accordance with Section 17-23-17 showing the exchange of title and file the notice in the office
1210	of the county surveyor; and
1211	(ii) each owner of record shall, concurrent with the filing of the record of survey plat
1212	required in accordance with Subsection (5)(c)(i), record a deed of conveyance of title reflecting
1213	the approved change in the office of the county recorder of each affected county.
1214	(d) A notice of approval recorded under this Subsection (5) does not act as a
1215	conveyance of title to real property and is not required to record a document conveying title to
1216	real property.
1217	[(4)] (6) An amended plat may not be submitted to the county recorder for recording
1218	unless it is signed, acknowledged, and dedicated by each owner of record of the portion of the
1219	plat that is amended.
1220	[(5)] (7) A management committee may sign and dedicate an amended plat as provided
1221	in Title 57, Chapter 8, Condominium Ownership Act.
1222	[(6)] (8) A plat may be corrected as provided in Section 57-3-106 if the correction does
1223	not substantially or materially change the certifications, dedications, or approvals as originally
1224	intended.
1225	Section 10. Section 17-27a-609.5 is amended to read:
1226	17-27a-609.5. Vacating a street, right-of-way, or easement.
1227	(1) A petition to vacate some or all of a public street, right-of-way, or easement shall
1228	include:
1229	(a) the name and address of each owner of record of land that is:
1230	(i) adjacent to the public street, right-of-way, or easement; or
1231	(ii) accessed exclusively by or within 300 feet of the public street, right-of-way, or
1232	easement; and
1233	(b) the signature of each owner under Subsection (1)(a) who consents to the vacation.
1234	(2) If a petition is submitted containing a request to vacate some or all of a street,
1235	right-of-way, or easement, the legislative body shall hold a public hearing in accordance with
1236	Section 17-27a-208 and determine whether:

(a) good cause exists for the vacation; and
(b) the public interest or any person will be materially injured by the proposed
vacation.
(3) The legislative body may adopt an ordinance or resolution granting a petition to
vacate some or all of a public street, right-of-way, or easement if the legislative body finds that:
(a) good cause exists for the vacation; and
(b) neither the public interest nor any person will be materially injured by the vacation.
(4) If the legislative body adopts an ordinance or resolution vacating some or all of a
public street, right-of-way, or easement, the legislative body shall ensure that one or both of the
following is recorded in the office of the recorder of the county in which the land is located:
(a) a plat [reflecting the vacation], if required in accordance with Section 17-27a-608;
or
(b) an ordinance or resolution described in Subsection (3).
(5) The action of the legislative body vacating some or all of a street, right-of-way, or
easement that has been dedicated to public use:
(a) operates to the extent to which it is vacated, upon the [effective date of the recorded
plat,] date of recording in accordance with Subsection (4) as a revocation of the acceptance of
and the relinquishment of the county's fee or other property interest in the vacated street,
right-of-way, or easement; and
(b) may not be construed to impair:
(i) any right-of-way or easement of any lot owner; or
(ii) the franchise rights of any public utility.

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