

**STATUTORY REFERENCES  
FOR  
MONTANA MUNICIPALITIES**

The statutory references listed below refer the code user to state statutes applicable to Montana municipalities. They are up to date through July, 2008.

General Provisions

Local government generally

Montana Const. art. XI

Classification of municipalities

MCA 7-1-4111 et seq.

Annexations

MCA 7-2-4201 et seq.

General powers of municipalities

MCA 7-1-101 et seq.

Form of municipal ordinances

MCA 7-5-101 et seq.; 7-5-4201 et seq.

Ordinance veto procedure

MCA 7-5-106

Codification of ordinances

MCA 7-5-107 et seq.

Penalties for ordinance violations

MCA 7-5-109; 7-5-4207

Initiative and referendum

MCA 7-5-131 et seq.

## Administration and Personnel

Commission--Executive plan of government

MCA 7-3-201 et seq.

Commission--Manager plan of government

MCA 7-3-301 et seq. and 7-3-4401 et seq.

Commission plan of government

MCA 7-3-401 et seq. and MCA 7-3-4201 et seq.

Commission--Chairman plan of government

MCA 7-3-501 et seq.

Town meeting plan of government

MCA 7-3-601 et seq.

Charter plan of government

MCA 7-3-701 et seq.

Strong mayor plan

MCA 7-3-4101 et seq.

Council powers in general

MCA 7-5-4101 et seq.

Council meetings

MCA 7-5-4121 et seq.

Mayor

MCA 7-4-4301 et seq.

Municipal officers

MCA 7-4-4101 et seq.

Compensation of municipal officers and employees

MCA 7-4-4201 et seq.

Municipal clerk

MCA 7-4-4501 et seq.

City attorney

MCA 7-4-4601 et seq.

City treasurer

MCA 7-4-4701

Police and fire departments

MCA 7-32-4101 et seq. and 7-33-4101 et seq.

Qualifications of law enforcement officers

MCA § 7-32-301 et seq.

Planning boards and zoning commissions

MCA 7-6-101 et seq.

Cultural, social services and recreation

MCA 7-16-101 et seq.

Municipal and city courts

MCA 3-6-101 et seq. and 3-11-101 et seq.

Municipal elections

MCA 7-5-4401

Local government records

MCA § 2-6-401 et seq.

Local disaster planning

MCA § 10-3-401 et seq.

Public retirement systems

MCA title 19

## Revenue and Finance

Local Government Budget Act

MCA 7-6-4001 et seq.

Deposit and investment of public money

MCA 7-6-201 et seq. and 7-6-4601 et seq.

Public contracts

MCA title 18

Claims against municipalities

MCA 7-6-4301 et seq.

Municipal taxation

MCA 7-6-4401 et seq.

Municipal warrants

MCA 7-6-4501 et seq.

Resort tax

MCA 7-6-1501 et seq.

Debt management

MCA 7-7-104 et seq.

## Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations

Municipal licensing authority

MCA 7-21-4101 et seq.

#### Liquor regulation and licenses

MCA 16-3-301 et seq.; 16-4-503

#### Itinerant vendors

MCA 7-21-2301 et seq.

#### Transient retail merchants

MCA 7-21-2401 et seq.

#### Hucksters

MCA 7-21-2501 et seq.

### Animals

#### Control and protection of domestic animals

MCA 7-23-4101 et seq.

#### Cruelty to animals

MCA 45-8-210 et seq.

#### Dogs

MCA 7-23-101 et seq.

### Health and Safety

#### Generally

MCA title 50

#### Local boards of health

MCA 50-2-203 et seq.

#### Solid waste management

MCA 75-10-112

Abatement of nuisances

MCA 7-5-4104

Open ditches

MCA 7-31-4201 et seq.

Fireworks

MCA 7-33-4206 and 50-37-101 et seq.

Smoke abatement

MCA 7-31-101 et seq.

Weed control

MCA 7-22-4101

Public Peace, Morals and Welfare

Montana Criminal Code

MCA title 45

Principles of construction and liability

MCA 45-1-101 et seq.

Gambling

MCA 23-5-110 et seq.

Alcoholism

MCA 53-24-106

Minors

MCA title 41

Powers of municipal councils

MCA 7-32-4301 et seq.

## Vehicles and Traffic

### Motor vehicles generally

MCA title 61

### Traffic regulation

MCA 61-8-101 et seq.

### Specific local authority

MCA 61-8-103 and 61-12-101 et seq.

### Abandoned vehicles

MCA 61-12-401 et seq.

## Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places

### Parking

MCA 7-14-4501 et seq.

### Municipal authority over trafficways and public grounds

MCA 7-14-4101 et seq.

### Street grades

MCA 7-14-4201 et seq.

### Pedestrian malls

MCA 7-14-4701 et seq.

### Parks

MCA 7-16-4101

### Cemetery services

MCA 7-35-101 et seq.

## Public Services

Municipal utility services

MCA 7-13-4101 et seq.

Sewage and water systems

MCA 7-13-4201 et seq.; 7-13-4301 et seq.; 7-13-4401 et seq.

Special improvement districts

MCA 7-12-4101 et seq.

## Buildings and Construction

Municipal housing and construction generally

MCA 7-15-4101 et seq.

Municipal construction standards

MCA 7-15-4121

Housing authorities

MCA 7-15-4401 et seq.

Floodplain and floodway management

MCA 76-5-101 et seq.

## Subdivisions

Subdivisions and platting generally

MCA 76-3-101 et seq.

Municipal regulation

MCA 76-3-501 et seq.

## Zoning

Municipal zoning

MCA 76-2-301 et seq.