

**STATUTORY REFERENCES
FOR
MONTANA MUNICIPALITIES**

The statutory references listed below refer the code user to state statutes applicable to Montana municipalities. They are current through the 2013 Session, and the 2012 general election.

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 title 7, ch. 1

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—Presiding officer plan of government
MCA 7-3-501 et seq.

Town meeting form of government
MCA 7-3-601 et seq.

Charter form of government
MCA 7-3-701 et seq.

Strong mayor form of government
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 title 76, chs. 1 and 2

Cultural, social services and recreation
MCA title 7, ch. 16

Municipal and city courts
MCA title 3, chs. 6 and 11

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 7-6-609 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.

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

Businesses and professions
MCA title 7, ch. 21

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 45-8-211

Dogs
MCA 7-23-101 et seq.

Health and Safety

Generally
MCA title 50

Local boards of health
MCA title 50, ch. 2

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 MCA title 50, ch. 37

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 title 45, chs. 1, 2 and 3
- 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 title 61, ch. 8
- Specific local authority
MCA 61-8-103 and 61-12-101 et seq.
- Abandoned vehicles
MCA 61-12-401 et seq.
- Parking
MCA 7-14-4501 et seq.

Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places

- Municipal regulation generally
MCA 7-14-4101 et seq.; 7-14-4201 et seq.;
7-14-4301 et seq.; 7-14-4401 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 title 7, ch. 35

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 gener-
ally
MCA 7-15-4101 et seq.
- Municipal construction standards
MCA 7-15-4121
- Housing authorities
MCA 7-15-4401 et seq. and 7-15-4501 et
seq.
- Floodplain and Floodway Management
MCA 76-5-101 et seq.

Subdivisions

- Subdivisions and platting generally
MCA 76-4-101 et seq.
- Municipal regulation
MCA 76-3-101 et seq.

Zoning

- Municipal zoning
MCA 76-2-301 et seq.
- Floodplain and floodway management
MCA 76-5-301 et seq.