

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 June, 2004.

**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

**Administration and Personnel**

Commission--Executive plan of government  
MCA 7-3-201 et seq.

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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.

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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 et seq.

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.

Public contracts

MCA Title 18

Claims against municipalities

MCA 7-6-4301 et seq.

Municipal taxation

MCA 7-6-4401 et seq.

Resort tax

MCA 7-6-4461 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 7-21-230-1 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

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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

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**

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Specific local authority

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

Abandoned vehicles

MCA 61-12-401 et seq.

Municipal regulation generally

MCA 7-14-4101 et seq.; 7-14-4201 et seq.; 7-14-4301 et seq.; 7-14-4401 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 Ch. 7-35

### **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

**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. and 7-15-4501 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.

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