

Detailed Comparison Chart: Township Options

This comparison chart displays details about the differences between townships as they currently exist within the structure of Salt Lake County, and what will occur based on the outcome of the November 3, 2015 election. Those two ballot questions are: (1) vote whether to become a city or a metro township, (2) In ballot question 1, if the metro township prevails, then voters choose whether to be included in the Municipal Services District (MSD).

<u>Question</u>	<u>Currently</u>	<u>Starting January 2017, based on vote by the people in November 2016</u>	
	Existing Township Status	Metro Township Option	City Option
Who makes planning & zoning decisions and enacts local ordinances?	County Council	Metro Township Council	City Council
Who makes property tax decisions?	County Council	On ballot question 2, if residents vote "yes" to be in the MSD, the MSD Board has property tax authority. If residents vote "no" to join the MSD, the metro township council does not have property tax authority.	City Council. If the city remains in the MSD, the MSD Board and the city council each have property tax authority.
Who makes local sales tax decisions?	County Council	On ballot question 2, if residents vote "yes" to be in the MSD, the combined areas' sales tax is spent by the MSD Board. If residents vote "no" the local area sales tax is spent by the metro township council.	If the city remains in the MSD, the combined areas' sales tax is spent by the MSD Board. If the city council opts out of the MSD, the local area sales tax is spent by the City Council.
Who has budgeting authority for local municipal services?	County Council	On ballot question 2, if residents vote "yes" to be in the MSD, the MSD Board has budgeting authority. If residents vote "no" to join the MSD, the metro township council has budgeting authority.	If the city remains in the MSD, the MSD Board has budgeting authority, except for utility franchise taxes and local property taxes. If the city council opts out of the MSD, the city council will have full budgeting authority.
Who makes utility franchise tax decisions? <i>*See below</i>	Counties are not authorized to impose a utility franchise tax.	Metro townships are not authorized to impose a utility franchise tax.	City Council

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		Metro Township Option	City Option
	Existing Township Status		
Who regulates business licenses & permits?	County Council	Metro Township Council	City Council
Who provides police services?	Unified Police Department (UPD) - provider (The special service area is SLVLESA)	Unified Police Department (UPD) - The special service area is the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA), withdrawal from SLVLESA would require a ballot vote.	Unified Police Department (UPD) - The special service area is the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA), withdrawal from SLVLESA would require a ballot vote.
Who provides fire & emergency services?	Unified Fire Authority (UFA) - provider (The special service area is the UFSA)	Unified Fire Authority (UFA) - The special service area is Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA), withdrawal from UFSA would require a ballot vote.	Unified Fire Authority (UFA) - The special service area is Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA), withdrawal from UFSA would require a ballot vote.
Who provides trash/recycling pick up services?	Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District	Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District - Withdrawal from this district to have trash/recycling services provided by another entity is only possible through Salt Lake County Council resolution.	Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District - Withdrawal from this district to have trash/recycling services provided by another entity is only possible through Salt Lake County Council resolution.
Part of the Municipal Services District (MSD)?	Services are currently provided by Salt Lake County, soon to be the MSD	Voter choice, effective on date determined by the SL County Council	Yes. New city council may opt out in 2017.
Who provides municipal and public works services like storm drains, snow removal, code enforcement, street lights, building permitting? (Currently provided by SL County)	Salt Lake County Township Services and Public Works	On ballot question 2, if residents vote "yes"- Municipal Services District. If residents vote "no"- Municipal Services District will provide until metro township council is elected into office in 2017, then they will decide how these services will be provided.	Municipal Services District. New city council may opt out in 2017 and either self-provide or contract for services with the MSD or other service providers.

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		Metro Township Option	City Option
	Existing Township Status		
Are local boundaries protected from annexations?	Historically, no permanent boundary protections	Yes	Yes
Who is our local mayor and legislative council?	County mayor and county council	County mayor and metro township council	City mayor and city council

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