



# Public Safety Answering Point Plat Approval

**H.B. 61** of the 2019 General Session of the Utah Legislature amended Title 10 Chapter 9a Section 603 Subsection 2b (10-9a-603-2b) to read:

Municipalities are encouraged to receive a recommendation from the fire authority and the public safety answering point before approving a plat.

A Public Safety Answering Point or PSAP is a call center responsible for answering calls to 911 for a geographic area. The PSAP for Summit County is the communications or dispatch center in the Summit County Sheriff's Office. It has been determined the best way to handle this approval/recommendation would be to include me, Jeff Ward the Summit County Addressing Authority in the plat approval process.

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It would be best to include me in the early stages of the process. Summit County Planning does this by adding me to their email soliciting comments from service providers for the property. At that point, I assign the addresses for each lot and verify that road names do not duplicate existing road names in the county. I am not expecting to take over assigning addresses for each municipality but would like to see the plats before they are printed to make sure they work with surrounding addresses and check for errors.

The county recorder is requiring a signature from the PSAP on each plat before recording it. Signing can take place the day of recording the plat as long as I have had a chance to review it beforehand. If I have not been included in the review process recordation will be delayed until I have had time to verify the addresses on the plat. If signature is required before the day of recording, I would be willing to travel to the municipality's office to sign the plat.

The signature box could look like this:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Public Safety Answering Point Approval</b></p> <p>Approved this ____ day, of _____ 20____</p> <hr/> <p>Jeff Ward GIS Coordinator/Addressing Authority</p>
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Verifying addresses in this manner will help improve the addresses in the county and thereby improving emergency response for residents.

H.B. 61 also included a subsection requiring submission of plats and addresses to the Automated Geographic Reference Center (AGRC). Title 10 Chapter 9a Section 603 Subsection 4 (10-9a-603-4) reads:

- (4) (a) Within 30 days after approving a final plat under this section, a municipality shall submit to the Automated Geographic Reference Center, created in Section [63F-1-506](#), for inclusion in the unified statewide 911 emergency service database described in Subsection [63H-7a-304\(4\)\(b\)](#):
  - (i) an electronic copy of the approved final plat; or
  - (ii) preliminary geospatial data that depict any new streets and situs addresses proposed for construction within the bounds of the approved plat.
- (b) If requested by the Automated Geographic Reference Center, a municipality that approves a final plat under this section shall:
  - (i) coordinate with the Automated Geographic Reference Center to validate the information described in Subsection [\(4\)\(a\)](#); and
  - (ii) assist the Automated Geographic Reference Center in creating electronic files that contain the information described in Subsection [\(4\)\(a\)](#) for inclusion in the unified statewide 911 emergency service database.

I am planning to do this monthly for all recorded plats in the county (including municipalities). If city staff would like to be CC'd on these communications to the state, please let me know.