

(g) The acquisition of real and personal property by an authority under this section is not subject to the provisions of IC 5-22, IC 36-1-10.5, IC 36-7-14-19, or any other statutes governing the purchase of property by public bodies or their agencies.

(h) An authority may negotiate for the sale, lease, or other disposition of real and personal property without complying with the provisions of IC 5-22-22, IC 36-1-11, IC 36-7-14-22, or any other statute governing the disposition of public property.

(i) Notwithstanding any other law, utility services provided within an economic development area established under this section are subject to regulation by the appropriate regulatory agencies unless the utility service is provided by a utility that provides utility service solely within the geographic boundaries of an existing or a closed military installation, in which case the utility service is not subject to regulation for purposes of rate making, regulation, service delivery, or issuance of bonds or other forms of indebtedness. However, this exemption from regulation does not apply to utility service if the service is generated, treated, or produced outside the boundaries of the existing or closed military installation.

SECTION 35. IC 36-7-22-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.207-2018, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 9. (a) Subject to subsection (b), an ordinance adopted under section 7 of this chapter may be repealed or amended only after notice of the proposed repeal or amendment is published and mailed in the manner provided by section 6 of this chapter.

(b) ~~Beginning after June 30, 2018,~~ The legislative body of a unit may ~~not~~ pass an amending ordinance to increase the boundaries of a district **only if the following apply:**

(1) An owner of real property wishing to include the owner's real property within the boundaries of the district voluntarily enters into a written agreement with the legislative body of the unit in which the owner requests and consents to increasing the boundaries of the district to include the owner's real property. An agreement entered into under this subdivision must:

- (A) include a legal description of the subject property; and**
- (B) be authorized before a notary public.**

(2) An agreement described in subdivision (1) must be entered into prior to the date of the publication of the notice required under subsection (a).

(c) This subsection applies to real property subject to an agreement entered into under subsection (b)(1) that is subsequently



sold to a new owner. The new owner of real property to which this subsection applies may opt out of the prior owner's agreement entered into under subsection (b)(1).

SECTION 36. IC 36-8-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2017, SECTION 223, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 3. (a) A majority of the members of the safety board constitutes a quorum. The board shall adopt rules concerning the time of holding regular and special meetings and of giving notice of them. The board shall elect one (1) of its members chair, who holds the position as long as prescribed by the rules of the board. The board shall record all of its proceedings.

(b) The members of the safety board may act only as a board. No member may bind the board or the city except by resolution entered in the records of the board authorizing the member to act in its behalf as its authorized agent.

(c) The safety board shall appoint:

- (1) the members and other employees of the police department other than those in an upper level policymaking position;
- (2) the members and other employees of the fire department other than those in an upper level policymaking position;
- (3) a market master; and
- (4) other officials that are necessary for public safety purposes.

(d) The annual compensation of all members of the police and fire departments and other appointees shall be fixed by ordinance of the legislative body not later than November 1 of each year for the ensuing budget year. The ordinance may grade the members of the departments and regulate their pay by rank as well as by length of service. If the legislative body fails to adopt an ordinance fixing the compensation of members of the police or fire department, the safety board may fix their compensation, subject to change by ordinance. **No ordinance or safety board action to fix compensation under this subsection may provide for any increase in the compensation of any member of the police department or fire department, or any other appointee, from the prior budget year if the city has not fixed a budget, tax rate, and tax levy for the ensuing budget year in compliance with IC 6-1.1-17-5 and IC 36-4-7-11.**

(e) The safety board, subject to ordinance, may also fix the number of members of the police and fire departments and the number of appointees for other purposes and may, subject to law, adopt rules for the appointment of members of the departments and for their government.

(f) The safety board shall divide the city into police precincts and

