

HB25-1219 Metro District Information

Metropolitan districts are local governments formed under Colorado law to finance and manage public infrastructure and services for new communities. Funded through property taxes and fees, they help ensure that growth pays its own way. Each district is governed by an elected board of directors.

Independence Overlay Metropolitan District was formed to finance and construct public infrastructure and provide essential services within its boundaries. These may include operate and maintain certain public park, recreation, storm drainage, open space and landscaping improvements, and to provide covenant design control, review and enforcement services, as allowed under Article 1, Title 32, C.R.S., and as defined by the District's approved Service Plan.

The District operates pursuant to Service Plan approved by the Elbert County Board of County Commissioners on September 7, 2017, and as may be amended over time. All improvements and services provided by the District are intended for the benefit of its residents and property owners.

Located within the Town of Elizabeth and Elbert County, Colorado, the District functions as a quasi-municipal political subdivision of the State of Colorado, providing certain public services that are not otherwise offered by the County. The District has no authorization pursuant to the terms of the Service Plan to issue bonds or other any other form of debt without first amending this Service Plan pursuant to C.R.S. § 32-1-207(2), as amended. The District may impose a maximum mill levy of 15.000 mills for debt service, subject to adjustments in accordance with its Service Plan and applicable law.

The District submits an Annual Report to the Town of Elizabeth and shares geographic boundaries with several overlapping jurisdictions, including Elbert County Government, Town of Elizabeth, Independence Overlay Metropolitan District, Independence Water & Sanitation District, Elizabeth Park and Recreation District, Elizabeth Fire Protection District, Elbert County Library District, Elizabeth C-1 School District and Kiowa Conservation District.

To become a board member, eligible electors may submit a self-nomination form, typically in February, for regular special district elections held in May of odd-numbered years or may be appointed by the Board when a vacancy arises. Directors serve staggered four-year terms and must meet basic residency or property ownership requirements as defined by Colorado law. Residents interested in learning more or serving on the District's Board of Directors may contact Public Alliance by phone at (720) 213-6621 or by email at contact@publicalliancellc.com.

For general inquiries or to reach a representative during or outside regular business hours, please contact the management office at (720) 213-6621.