

**480A.2 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Local government*” means a county, city, township, school district, or any special-purpose district or authority.
2. “*Management costs*” means the reasonable costs a local government actually incurs in managing public rights-of-way.
3. “*Public right-of-way*” means the area on, below, or above a public roadway, highway, street, bridge, cartway, bicycle lane, or public sidewalk in which the local government has an interest, including other dedicated rights-of-way for travel purposes and utility easements. A public right-of-way does not include the airwaves above a public right-of-way with regard to cellular or other nonwire telecommunications or broadcasts service or utility poles owned by a local government or a municipal utility.
4. “*Public utility*” means a person owning or operating a facility used for furnishing natural gas by piped distribution system, electricity, communications services not including cable television systems, or water by piped distribution system, to the public for compensation.

[98 Acts, ch 1148, §4, 9](#)