

**354.1 Statement of purpose.**

It is the purpose of [this chapter](#) to provide for a balance between the review and regulation authority of governmental agencies concerning the division and subdivision of land and the rights of landowners. It is therefore determined to be in the public interest:

1. To provide for accurate, clear, and concise legal descriptions of real estate in order to prevent, wherever possible, land boundary disputes or real estate title problems.

2. To provide for a balance between the land use rights of individual landowners and the economic, social, and environmental concerns of the public when a city or county is developing or enforcing land use regulations.

3. To provide for statewide, uniform procedures and standards for the platting of land while allowing the widest possible latitude for cities and counties to establish and enforce ordinances regulating the division and use of land, within the scope of, but not limited to, [chapters 331, 335, 364, 414, and this chapter](#). All documents presented for recording pursuant to [this chapter](#) shall comply with [section 331.606B](#).

4. To encourage orderly community development and provide for the regulation and control of the extension of public improvements, public services, and utilities, the improvement of land, and the design of subdivisions, consistent with an approved comprehensive plan or other specific community plans, if any.

[90 Acts, ch 1236, §15](#)

[C91, §409A.1](#)

[C93, §354.1](#)

[2001 Acts, ch 44, §12; 2005 Acts, ch 19, §46](#)