

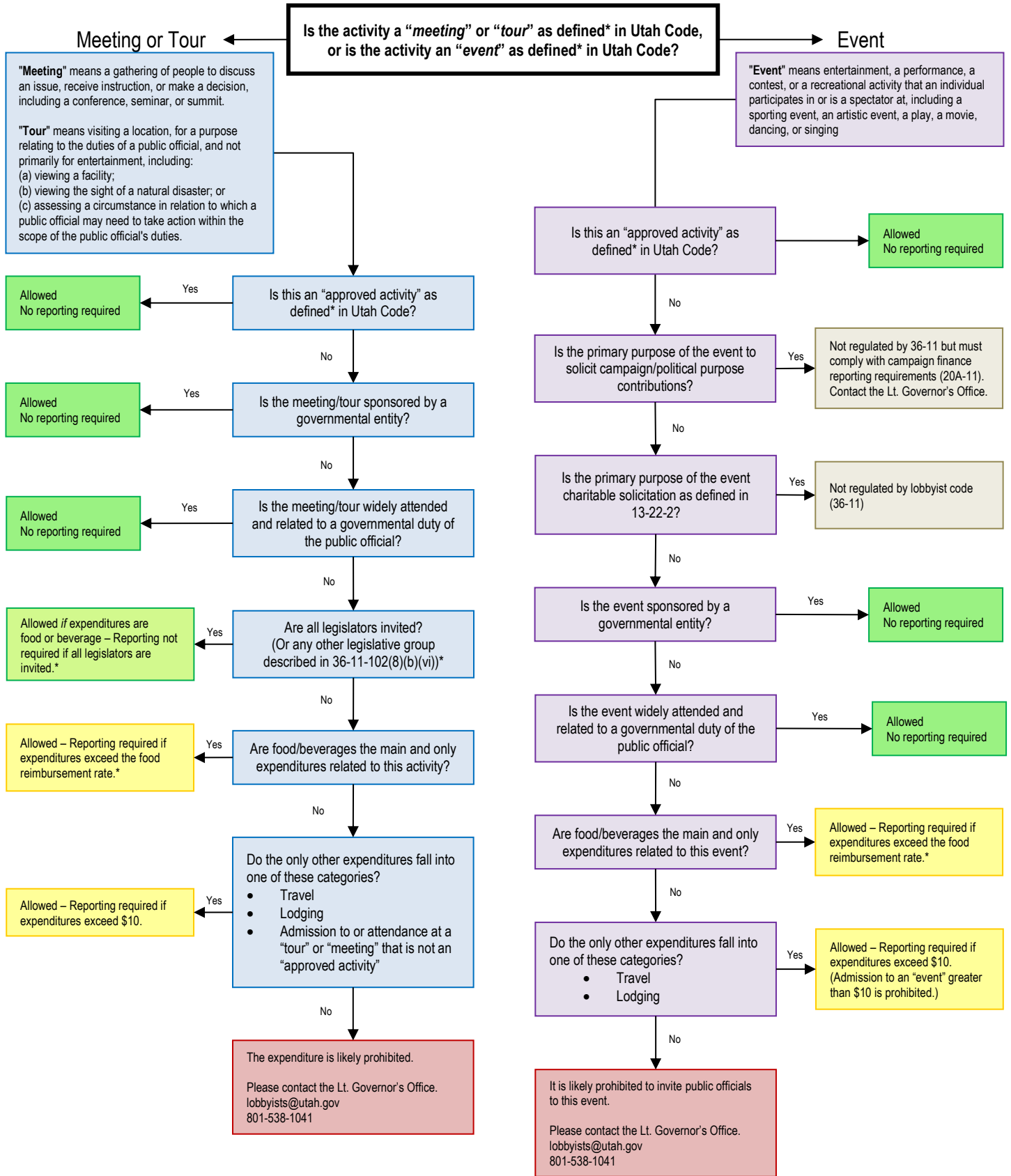
State Lobbyists – Inviting Public Officials to Your Activity

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How do I know if I'm a state lobbyist? You are probably a state lobbyist if you lobby *state-level officials* (e.g., legislators, state executive branch officials such as the governor, or non-elected officials within the state executive or legislative branches with certain decision-making powers). [Click here for local lobbyist FAQs.](#)



*Defined Terms (Utah Code Annotated [36-11-102](#)):

"Meeting" means a gathering of people to discuss an issue, receive instruction, or make a decision, including a conference, seminar, or summit.

"Tour" means visiting a location, for a purpose relating to the duties of a public official, and not primarily for entertainment, including:

- (a) viewing a facility;
- (b) viewing the sight of a natural disaster; or
- (c) assessing a circumstance in relation to which a public official may need to take action within the scope of the public official's duties.

"Event" means entertainment, a performance, a contest, or a recreational activity that an individual participates in or is a spectator at, including a sporting event, an artistic event, a play, a movie, dancing, or singing.

"Approved activity" means an event, a tour, or a meeting:

- (a)(i) to which a legislator or another nonexecutive branch public official is invited; and
- (ii) attendance at which is approved by:
 - (A) the speaker of the House of Representatives, if the public official is a member of the House of Representatives or another nonexecutive branch public official; or
 - (B) the president of the Senate, if the public official is a member of the Senate or another nonexecutive branch public official; or
- (b)(i) to which a public official who holds a position in the executive branch of state government is invited; and
- (ii) attendance at which is approved by the governor or the lieutenant governor.

"Food reimbursement rate" means [the total amount set by the director of the Division of Finance](#), by rule, under Section 63A-3-107, for in-state meal reimbursement, for an employee of the executive branch, for an entire day [\$43 as of May 2019].

Legislative groups described in 36-11-102(8)(b)(vi)

[“Expenditure” does not mean: food or beverage that is provided at an event, a tour, or a meeting to which the following are invited]:

- (A) all members of the Legislature;
- (B) all members of a standing or interim committee;
- (C) all members of an official legislative task force;
- (D) all members of a party caucus; or
- (E) all members of a group described in Subsections (8)(b)(vi)(A) through (D) who are attending a meeting of a national organization whose primary purpose is addressing general legislative policy.