METRO FUNCTIONS

1. Regional sewerage facilities

Statutory provision: Acquire, construct, alter, maintain and operate interceptor, trunk and outfall sewers for treatment and disposal of sewage and engage in local aspects of sewerage transferred to the district by agreement with other public corporations, cities or counties in accordance with this chapter. -268.310(1)

2. Solid & liquid waste facilities

Statutory provision: Subject to other statutory requirements dispose and provide facilities for disposal of solid waste and liquid waste. --268.310(2)

3. Water flow

Statutory provision: Control the flow, and provide for the drainage, of surface water, by means of dams, dikes, ditches, canals and other necessary improvements or by enlarging, improving, cleaning or maintaining any natural or artificial waterway or by requiring property owners to install and maintain water control or retention systems.

--268.310(3)

4. Mass transportation

Statutory provision: Provide public transportation and terminal facilities for public transportation, including local aspects thereof transferred to the district by one or more other public corporations, cities or counties through agreements in accordance with this chapter. - 268.310(4)

5. Zoo facilities

Statutory provision: Acquire, construct, alter, maintain, administer and operate metropolitan zoo facilities. --268.310(5)

6. Public facilities (with voter approval of financing)

Statutory provision: Acquire, construct, alter, maintain, administer and operate major cultural, convention, exhibition, sports and entertainment facilities. -268.310(6)

7. Criminal and juvenile justice

Statutory provision: Provide planning for metropolitan and local aspects of criminal and juvenile justice. --268.310(7)

8. Water supply (with voter approval)

Statutory provision: Acquire, develop, construct, alter, maintain and operate metropolitan aspects of water supply and distribution systems of persons, public corporations, cities or counties transferred to the district by agreement in accordance with this chapter. -268.312(1)(a)

9. Human services (with voter approval)

Statutory provision: Plan, coordinate and evaluate the providing of human services, including but not limited to, programs for the aging, health care, manpower, mental health and children and youth. --268.312(1)(b)

10. Parks and open spaces (with voter approval)

Statutory provision: Acquire, develop, maintain and operate a system of parks, open space, and recreational facilities of metropolitan significance. --268.312(1)(c)

11. Criminal and juvenile detention (with voter approval)

Statutory provision: Provide facilities for metropolitan aspects of criminal and juvenile detention and programs for metropolitan aspects of adult and juvenile justice and, by agreement, local aspects of jails, corrections programs and juvenile justice. -268.312(1)(d)

12. Library activities (with voter approval)

Statutory provision: Provide metropolitan aspects of library activities including, but not limited to, book acquisition and technical assistance for local libraries. --268.312(1)(e)

13. Solid and liquid waste disposal

Statutory provision: Build, construct, acquire, lease, improve, operate and maintain landfills, transfer facilities, resource recovery facilities and other improvements, facilities or equipment necessary or desirable for the solid and liquid waste disposal system of the district. -- 268.317(1)

14. Additional functions

Statutory provision: The electors of a district may, from time to time, and in exercise of their power of the initiative, or by approving a proposition referred to them by the governing body of the district, authorize the district to assume additional functions and determine the number, qualifications and manner of selecting members of the governing body of the district --268.320(1)

15. Additional functions with local aspects

Statutory provision: Local aspects of the functions authorized may be assumed only on the basis of agreements between the district and other public corporations, cities or counties. -268.320(2)

16. Boundary commission transfer

Statutory provision: The electors of a district may, in exercise of their power of initiative, or by approving a proposition referred to them by the governing body of the district, authorize a transfer of all the duties, functions and powers of the boundary commission formed within the metropolitan area. --268.320(3)

17. Mass transit operation

Statutory provision: For purposes of public transportation, a district may: Contract with the United States or with any county, city or state, or any of their departments or agencies, for the construction, preservation, improvement, operation or maintenance of any mass transit system. --268.330(2)(a)

18. Service district establishment

Statutory provision: A metropolitan service district may establish service districts. --268.335.(1)

19. Acquisition of property

Statutory provision: To the extent necessary to provide a metropolitan aspect of a public service, a district may acquire by purchase, condemnation, devise, gift or grant, real and person property or any interest therein within and without the district, including property of other public corporations. --268.340(1)

20. Water rights acquisition

Statutory provision: A district may appropriate and acquire water and water rights within and without the district for the purpose of providing metropolitan aspects of water supply and distribution. --268.342(1)

21. Contracts

Statutory provision: A district may contract with any public or private agency for the agency to operate any facility or perform any function that the district is authorized to operate or perform. By contract the district may assume any function of any public corporation, city or county in the district that the district has power to assume under this chapter. -268.345

22. Marketing of geographic data

Statutory provision: A district may impose and collect reasonable fees based on market prices or competitive bids for geographic data that have commercial value and are an entire formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, process, data base or system developed with a significant expenditure of public funds. A district may enter into agreements with private persons or entities to assist with market such products. -268.357(1)

23. Police authority

Statutory provision: For purposes of its authorized functions a district may exercise police power and in so doing adopt such ordinances as a majority of the members of its governing body considers necessary for the proper functioning of the district. --268.369(1)

24. Transit system acquisition

Statutory provision: When a metropolitan service district functions in a mass transit district the governing body of the metropolitan district may at any time order transfer of the transit system of the transit district to the metropolitan district. --268.370

25. Commission creation

Statutory provision: A metropolitan service district may create by ordinance commissions for all powers or functions of a metropolitan service district....the power to adopt ordinances and all budget, revenue and planning authority remain in the council of the metropolitan service district. --268.395(1)&(2)