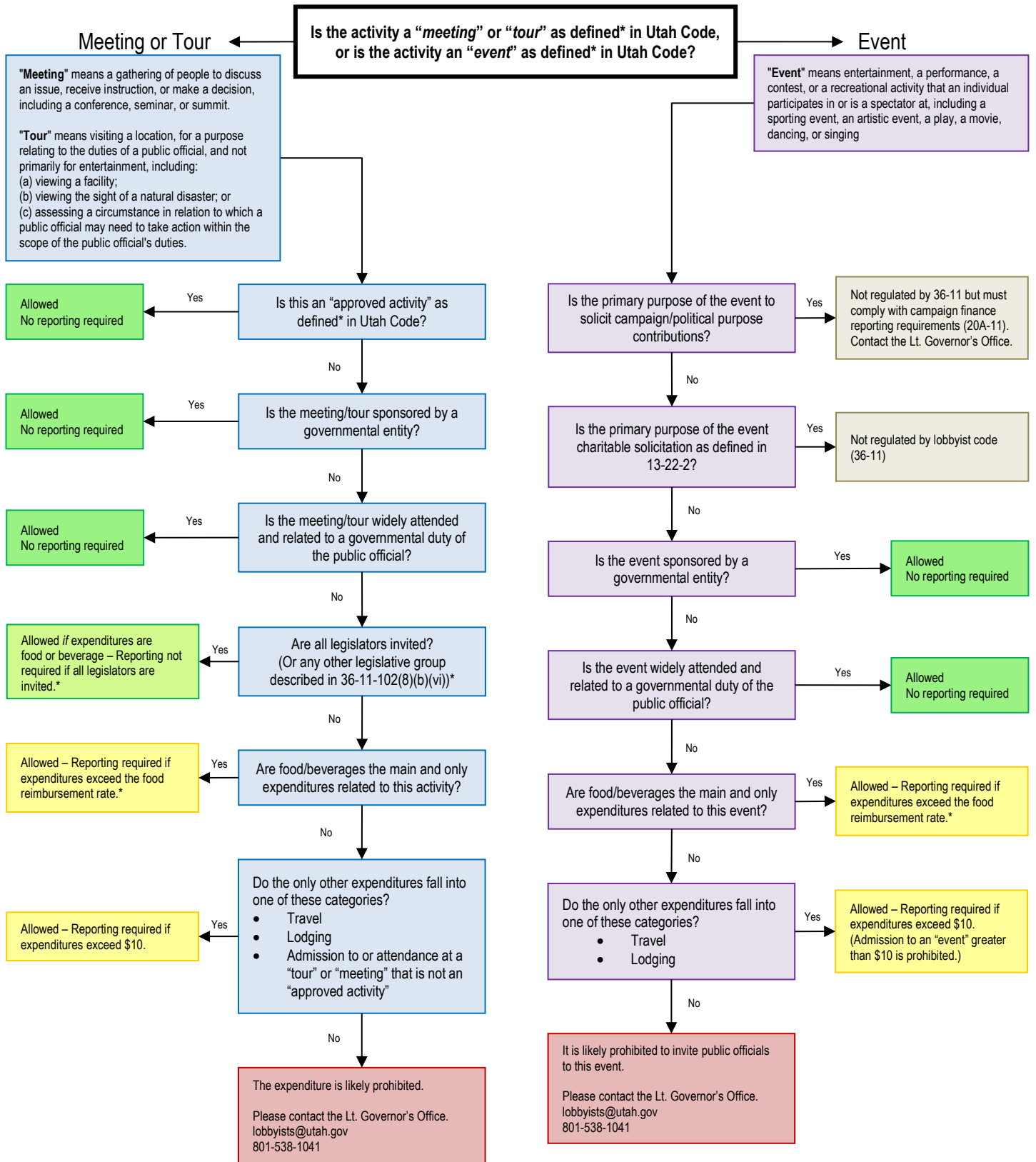


# Inviting Public Officials to Your Activity

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\*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:

- viewing a facility;
- viewing the sight of a natural disaster; or
- 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 a tour or a meeting:

- (i) to which a legislator is invited; and
- (ii) attendance at which is approved by:
  - the speaker of the House of Representatives, if the public official is a member of the House of Representatives; or
  - the president of the Senate, if the public official is a member of the Senate; or
- (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 December 2018].

## 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]:

- all members of the Legislature;
- all members of a standing or interim committee;
- all members of an official legislative task force;
- all members of a party caucus; or
- 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.