



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 361

LCO No. 1974



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING FEES IN LIEU OF SIDEWALK REQUIREMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of any special act, any municipal planning commission,
3 zoning commission or combined planning and zoning commission may
4 adopt regulations that allow an applicant to pay a fee to the municipality
5 in lieu of meeting any requirement or condition to construct and
6 maintain a public sidewalk in connection with a proposed development,
7 provided no such application shall be approved by the municipality
8 unless the commission finds the construction of such sidewalk is
9 unnecessary or impractical for such development.
- 10 (b) Any such regulations shall provide that the amount of such fee
11 shall be determined in accordance with a formula or schedule of fees set
12 forth in such regulations and that no such fee shall be imposed or paid
13 without the consent of the applicant and the commission.
- 14 (c) Any such regulations may limit the areas of the municipality in
15 which a fee in lieu of public sidewalk requirements may be considered.

16 (d) Any fee paid to the municipality pursuant to this section shall be
17 deposited in a fund established by the municipality. Such fund shall be
18 used solely for the construction or maintenance of public sidewalks in
19 the municipality. The proceeds of such fund shall not be used for
20 operating expenses of any kind or be considered a part of the municipal
21 general fund. Expenditures from such fund shall be authorized in the
22 same manner as any other capital expenditure of the municipality. Any
23 income earned by any moneys on deposit in such fund shall accrue to
24 the fund.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow municipalities to collect fees in lieu of imposing sidewalk requirements on new developments under certain conditions.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]