



City of Bonner Springs

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RE: HB2150 - Repealing the zoning and planning authority for cities in the three-mile area extending from the city boundaries.

Dear Committee Members,

The elimination of the authority for cities to plan for and apply regulations within the anticipated 3-mile growth area will prove extraordinarily detrimental to the future growth of local municipalities.

K.S.A 12-749 deals expressly with the subdivision of land and would only apply to individuals wishing to conduct such an exercise. The ten (10) items that are laid out in statute currently allow for cities within close proximity to unincorporated areas the ability to plan for and maintain infrastructure at a higher level than most counties can; or do. This is simply another tool within a cities toolbox to anticipate, prepare for, and provide certain amenities, infrastructure, emergency services, etc. to the citizens that reside in these outlying areas. Cities must be allowed to retain this option in order to provide for cohesive growth throughout the community and to provide the basic services those individuals deserve in a cost-effective manner.

The ten (10) items listed within the statute are utilized in creating a cohesive connection between those areas within the anticipated growth area and those currently within a city's boundaries. They are also utilized in providing those residents within the growth area a higher quality of life by providing recreational facilities, reservation or dedication of open spaces and the efficient and orderly location of streets that in turn reduce vehicular congestion. They also address flood protection, stormwater run-off, compatibility of building designs and the installation of quality infrastructure. Subdivision regulations must not be confused with Property Maintenance Codes/Municipal Codes, Building Codes or Zoning Codes that do regulate items outside of subdividing land.

We at the City of Bonner Springs, encourage Committee Members to not allow this bill to leave Committee.

Sincerely,

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