

**SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS****SB 454****2016 Regular Session****Barrow****KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

PLANNING/ZONING. Provides that Smart Growth Developments include amenities which enhance the quality of life for its residents. (gov sig)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Authorizes, rather than requires, a community development plan to provide for certain amenities.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

Proposed law declares that the policy of the state is to promote sound growth and development of parishes and municipalities by enabling them to undertake the correction of deficient conditions, factors and characteristics through comprehensive and coordinated community development, the formulation, participation in, and adoption of public and private improvement programs related thereto and the encouragement of participation in such efforts by private enterprise.

Proposed law provides for the following definitions:

- (1) "Governing body" means the legislative body, commission, council, board of aldermen, police jury, or other body charged with governing the parish or municipality.
- (2) "Master plan" means the comprehensive plan of the parish or municipality.
- (3) "Smart growth development" means one or more works, undertakings, and activities for the development, redevelopment, improvement, construction, rehabilitation, or conservation of structures, facilities, and appurtenances in an area that are intended to result in a new community, including the activities to carry out a new community development plan, which may do the following:
  - (a) Mix land uses together.
  - (b) Create a range of housing opportunities and choices.
  - (c) Create walkable neighborhoods which include schools and grocery stores.
  - (d) Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place.
  - (e) Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas.
  - (f) Provide a variety of transportation choices.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 33:140.211-140.212)

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