

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Notice requirements for zoning actions related to frac sand mining					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, a political subdivision (a city, village, town that is authorized to exercise village powers, or county) is authorized to enact zoning ordinances that regulate and restrict the height, number of stories, and size of buildings and other structures, the percentage of lot that may be occupied, the size of yards and other open spaces, the density of population, the location and use of buildings, structures, and land for various purposes, and the areas in which agriculture, industry, mining, and other activities may be conducted.

Under the bill, before a political subdivision may take any action on an application for a frac sand mine, the governing body must publish a class 1 newspaper notice at least 30 days before the meeting, and must also send written notice of the meeting, by first class mail, at least 30 days before the meeting, to the owner or occupant of any land that is located within one mile of the proposed mine.

Assumptions

The Department considers the local fiscal effect to be indeterminate since one-time publishing and mailing costs are going to vary widely from one local unit of government to another depending upon the number of mining applications received and the number of owners/occupants that live within a mile of the proposed site. For reference purposes, the Department currently pays about \$130 for each class 1 public newspaper notice.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications