

1 AN ACT relating to the review of local government land uses.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 100.324 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) All other provisions of this chapter to the contrary notwithstanding, public utilities
5 operating under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, except as
6 specified in KRS 100.987, or the Department of Vehicle Regulation or Federal
7 Energy Regulatory Commission, any municipally owned electric system, and
8 common carriers by rail shall not be required to receive the approval of the planning
9 unit for the location or relocation of any of their service facilities. Service facilities
10 include all facilities of such utilities and common carriers by rail other than office
11 space, garage space, and warehouse space and include office space, garage space,
12 and warehouse space when such space is incidental to a service facility. The Public
13 Service Commission and the Department of Vehicle Regulation shall give notice to
14 the planning commission of any planning unit of any hearing which affects
15 locations or relocations of service facilities within that planning unit's jurisdiction.
- 16 (2) The nonservice facilities excluded in subsection (1) of this section must be in
17 accordance with the zoning regulations.
- 18 (3) Upon the request of the planning commission, the public utilities referred to in this
19 section shall provide the planning commission of the planning unit affected with
20 information concerning service facilities which have been located on and relocated
21 on private property.
- 22 (4) Any proposal for acquisition or disposition of land for public facilities, or changes
23 in the character, location, or extent of structures or land for public facilities,
24 excluding state and federal highways and public utilities and common carriers by
25 rail mentioned in this section, shall be referred to the commission to be reviewed in
26 light of its agreement with the comprehensive plan, and the commission shall,
27 within sixty (60) days from the date of its receipt, review the project and advise the

1 referring body whether the project is in accordance with the comprehensive plan. If
2 it disapproves of the project, it shall state the reasons for disapproval in writing and
3 make suggestions for changes which will, in its opinion, better accomplish the
4 objectives of the comprehensive plan. **The commission may delegate to any officer**
5 **or employee of the commission the power to review the project and to advise the**
6 **referring body whether the project is in accordance with the comprehensive plan.**
7 No permit required for construction or occupancy of such public facilities shall be
8 issued until the expiration of the sixty (60) day period or until the planning
9 commission **or its designee** issues its report, whichever occurs first.