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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Winfield, Ucci, and Morin

Date Introduced: February 02, 2018

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 45-23-45 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-23 entitled  
2 "Subdivision of Land" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **45-23-45. General provisions -- Public design and improvement standards.**

4 (a) Public design and improvement standards for development projects shall be specified,  
5 through reasonable, objective standards and criteria, in the design and improvement standards  
6 section of the local regulations. Appropriate public improvement standards shall be specified for  
7 each area or district of the municipality. Standards may include, but are not limited to,  
8 specifications for rights-of-way, streets, sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, public access, utilities,  
9 drainage systems, fire protection, and soil erosion control.

10 (b) All public improvements required in a land development project or subdivision by a  
11 municipality shall reflect the physical character and design for that district which is specified by  
12 the municipality's adopted comprehensive plan. Public improvement requirements and standards  
13 need not be the same in all areas or districts of a municipality. The technical details of the  
14 improvement standards may be contained in an appendix to the local regulations but shall be  
15 considered part of the regulations.

16 (c) A town or city that requires the installation of a common cistern or any other water  
17 reservoir for fire protection purposes in a residential subdivision, may by ordinance, provide the  
18 developer the option in lieu thereof to require the installation of code compliant residential  
19 sprinkler systems in structures for human habitation.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would permit the substitution by a developer of sprinklers in new developments
- 2   instead of cisterns or water reservoirs for fire suppression, if allowed by ordinance.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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