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Under current law, a city or town may impose a fee to defray costs related to reviewing and processing planning and zoning applications and permits. Fees imposed must be fair, reasonable, and proportionate and have a nexus to the actual cost of the service.

This bill prohibits a fee to review or investigate a permitted use to see if it is in compliance with any official control (zoning). A “permitted use” is one allowed without conditions by the local zoning ordinance.

Effective August 1, 2017, and applies to fees imposed on or after that date.