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An interim ordinance, also referred to as a moratorium, is an ordinance to protect the planning process while the city or town is studying changes to or adoption of a local comprehensive plan and official controls (zoning, subdivision controls, site plan regulations, sanitary codes, building codes, and official maps). It may be in effect for up to one year and in some cases may be extended for up to 18 months more. Except for an interim ordinance affecting livestock production, no notice or hearing is required to adopt an interim ordinance (but is required to extend it).

This bill requires a two-thirds vote of all members of the governing body to adopt an interim ordinance that would affect housing activities. Before adopting the ordinance, the city must hold a public hearing following a ten-day notice.

Effective for interim ordinances proposed on or after August 1, 2017.