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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1279

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*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 15.2-2201 and 15.2-2286 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2288.9, relating to affordable housing; religious organizations and other nonprofit tax-exempt properties.*

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Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That §§ 15.2-2201 and 15.2-2286 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-2288.9 as follows:**

## § 15.2-2201. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

*"501(c)(3) property tax-exempt nonprofit organization"* means any organization exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and whose real property taxes are exempt pursuant to § 58.1-3609.

"Affordable housing" means, as a guideline, housing that is affordable to households with incomes at or below the area median income, provided that the occupant pays no more than thirty percent of his gross income for gross housing costs, including utilities. For the purpose of administering affordable dwelling unit ordinances authorized by this chapter, local governments may establish individual definitions of affordable housing and affordable dwelling units including determination of the appropriate percent of area median income and percent of gross income.

"Conditional zoning" means, as part of classifying land within a locality into areas and districts by legislative action, the allowing of reasonable conditions governing the use of such property, such conditions being in addition to, or modification of the regulations provided for a particular zoning district or zone by the overall zoning ordinance.

"Designated agent" means any agent employed or authorized by a locality and designated by the governing body to review and act on subdivision plats, site plans, and plans of development. "Designated agent" does not include the local planning commission. However, the local planning commission may serve as the designated agent of any locality with a population of 5,000 or less.

"Development" means a tract of land developed or to be developed as a unit under single ownership or unified control which is to be used for any business or industrial purpose or is to contain three or more residential dwelling units. The term "development" shall not be construed to include any tract of land which will be principally devoted to agricultural production.

"Historic area" means an area containing one or more buildings or places in which historic events occurred or having special public value because of notable architectural, archaeological or other features relating to the cultural or artistic heritage of the community, of such significance as to warrant conservation and preservation.

"Incentive zoning" means the use of bonuses in the form of increased project density or other benefits to a developer in return for the developer providing certain features, design elements, uses, services, or amenities desired by the locality, including but not limited to, site design incorporating principles of new urbanism and traditional neighborhood development, environmentally sustainable and energy-efficient building design, affordable housing creation and preservation, and historical preservation, as part of the development.

"Local planning commission" means a municipal planning commission or a county planning commission.

"Military installation" means a base, camp, post, station, yard, center, homeport facility for any ship, or other activity under jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Defense, including any leased facility, or any land or interest in land owned by the Commonwealth and administered by the Adjutant General of Virginia or the Virginia Department of Military Affairs. "Military installation" does not include any facility used primarily for civil works, rivers and harbors projects, or flood control projects.

"Mixed use development" means property that incorporates two or more different uses, and may include a variety of housing types, within a single development.

"Official map" means a map of legally established and proposed public streets, waterways, and public areas adopted by a locality in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 (§ 15.2-2233 et seq.) hereof.

"Planned unit development" means a form of development characterized by unified site design for a variety of housing types and densities, clustering of buildings, common open space, and a mix of building types and land uses in which project planning and density calculation are performed for the entire development rather than on an individual lot basis.

59        "Planning district commission" means a regional planning agency chartered under the provisions of  
60        Chapter 42 (§ 15.2-4200 et seq.) ~~of this title~~.

61        "Plat" or "plat of subdivision" means the schematic representation of land divided or to be divided and  
62        information in accordance with the provisions of §§ 15.2-2241, 15.2-2242, 15.2-2258, 15.2-2262, and  
63        15.2-2264, and other applicable statutes.

64        "Preliminary subdivision plat" means the proposed schematic representation of development or  
65        subdivision that establishes how the provisions of §§ 15.2-2241 and 15.2-2242, and other applicable statutes  
66        will be achieved.

67        "*Religious organization*" means the same as that term is described in § 58.1-3617.

68        "Resident curator" means a person, firm, or corporation that leases or otherwise contracts to manage,  
69        preserve, maintain, operate, or reside in a historic property in accordance with the provisions of § 15.2-2306  
70        and other applicable statutes.

71        "Site plan" means the proposal for a development or a subdivision including all covenants, grants or  
72        easements and other conditions relating to use, location and bulk of buildings, density of development,  
73        common open space, public facilities and such other information as required by the subdivision ordinance to  
74        which the proposed development or subdivision is subject.

75        "Special exception" means a special use that is a use not permitted in a particular district except by a  
76        special use permit granted under the provisions of this chapter and any zoning ordinances adopted herewith.

77        "Street" means highway, street, avenue, boulevard, road, lane, alley, or any public way.

78        "Subdivision," unless otherwise defined in an ordinance adopted pursuant to § 15.2-2240, means the  
79        division of a parcel of land into three or more lots or parcels of less than five acres each for the purpose of  
80        transfer of ownership or building development, or, if a new street is involved in such division, any division of  
81        a parcel of land. The term includes resubdivision and, when appropriate to the context, shall relate to the  
82        process of subdividing or to the land subdivided and solely for the purpose of recordation of any single  
83        division of land into two lots or parcels, a plat of such division shall be submitted for approval in accordance  
84        with § 15.2-2258. Nothing in this definition, section, nor any ordinance adopted pursuant to § 15.2-2240 shall  
85        preclude different owners of adjacent parcels from entering into a valid and enforceable boundary line  
86        agreement with one another so long as such agreement is only used to resolve a bona fide property line  
87        dispute, the boundary adjustment does not move by more than 250 feet from the center of the current platted  
88        line or alter either parcel's resultant acreage by more than five percent of the smaller parcel size, and such  
89        agreement does not create an additional lot, alter the existing boundary lines of localities, result in greater  
90        street frontage, or interfere with a recorded easement, and such agreement shall not result in any  
91        nonconformity with local ordinances and health department regulations. Notice shall be provided to the  
92        zoning administrator of the locality in which the parcels are located for review. For any property affected by  
93        this definition, any division of land subject to a partition suit by virtue of order or decree by a court of  
94        competent jurisdiction shall take precedence over the requirements of Article 6 (§ 15.2-2240 et seq.) and the  
95        minimum lot area, width, or frontage requirements in the zoning ordinance so long as the lot or parcel  
96        resulting from such order or decree does not vary from minimum lot area, width, or frontage requirements by  
97        more than 20 percent. A copy of the final decree shall be provided to the zoning administrator of the locality  
98        in which the property is located.

99        "Variance" means, in the application of a zoning ordinance, a reasonable deviation from those provisions  
100        regulating the shape, size, or area of a lot or parcel of land or the size, height, area, bulk, or location of a  
101        building or structure when the strict application of the ordinance would unreasonably restrict the utilization of  
102        the property, and such need for a variance would not be shared generally by other properties, and provided  
103        such variance is not contrary to the purpose of the ordinance. It shall not include a change in use, which  
104        change shall be accomplished by a rezoning or by a conditional zoning.

105        "Working waterfront" means an area or structure on, over, or adjacent to navigable waters that provides  
106        access to the water and is used for water-dependent commercial, industrial, or governmental activities,  
107        including commercial and recreational fishing; tourism; aquaculture; boat and ship building, repair, and  
108        services; seafood processing and sales; transportation; shipping; marine construction; and military activities.

109        "Working waterfront development area" means an area containing one or more working waterfronts  
110        having economic, cultural, or historic public value of such significance as to warrant development and  
111        reparation.

112        "Zoning" or "to zone" means the process of classifying land within a locality into areas and districts, such  
113        areas and districts being generally referred to as "zones," by legislative action and the prescribing and  
114        application in each area and district of regulations concerning building and structure designs, building and  
115        structure placement and uses to which land, buildings and structures within such designated areas and  
116        districts may be put.

117        **§ 15.2-2286. Permitted provisions in zoning ordinances; amendments; applicant to pay delinquent  
118        taxes; penalties.**

119        A. A zoning ordinance may include, among other things, reasonable regulations and provisions as to any  
120        or all of the following matters:

121 1. For variances or special exceptions, as defined in § 15.2-2201, to the general regulations in any district.  
 122 2. For the temporary application of the ordinance to any property coming into the territorial jurisdiction of  
 123 the governing body by annexation or otherwise, subsequent to the adoption of the zoning ordinance, and  
 124 pending the orderly amendment of the ordinance.  
 125 3. For the granting of special exceptions under suitable regulations and safeguards; notwithstanding any  
 126 other provisions of this article, the governing body of any locality may reserve unto itself the right to issue  
 127 such special exceptions. Conditions imposed in connection with residential special use permits, wherein the  
 128 applicant proposes affordable housing, shall be consistent with the objective of providing affordable housing.  
 129 When imposing conditions on residential projects specifying materials and methods of construction or  
 130 specific design features, the approving body shall consider the impact of the conditions upon the affordability  
 131 of housing. Conditions may include the period of validity for a special exception or special use permit;  
 132 however, in the case of a special exception or special use permit for residential projects, the period of validity  
 133 shall be no less than three years.

134 The governing body or the board of zoning appeals of the Cities of Hampton and Norfolk may impose a  
 135 condition upon any special exception or use permit relating to retail alcoholic beverage control licensees  
 136 which provides that such special exception or use permit will automatically expire upon a change of  
 137 ownership of the property, a change in possession, a change in the operation or management of a facility, or  
 138 the passage of a specific period of time.

139 The governing body of the City of Richmond may impose a condition upon any special use permit issued  
 140 after July 1, 2000, relating to retail alcoholic beverage licensees which provides that such special use permit  
 141 shall be subject to an automatic review by the governing body upon a change in possession, a change in the  
 142 owner of the business, or a transfer of majority control of the business entity. Upon review by the governing  
 143 body, it may either amend or revoke the special use permit after notice and a public hearing as required by  
 144 § 15.2-2206.

145 4. For the administration and enforcement of the ordinance including the appointment or designation of a  
 146 zoning administrator who may also hold another office in the locality. The zoning administrator shall have all  
 147 necessary authority on behalf of the governing body to administer and enforce the zoning ordinance. His  
 148 authority shall include (i) ordering in writing the remedying of any condition found in violation of the  
 149 ordinance; (ii) insuring compliance with the ordinance, bringing legal action, including injunction, abatement,  
 150 or other appropriate action or proceeding subject to appeal pursuant to § 15.2-2311; and (iii) in specific cases,  
 151 making findings of fact and, with concurrence of the attorney for the governing body, conclusions of law  
 152 regarding determinations of rights accruing under § 15.2-2307 or subsection C of § 15.2-2311.

153 Whenever the zoning administrator has reasonable cause to believe that any person has engaged in or is  
 154 engaging in any violation of a zoning ordinance that limits occupancy in a residential dwelling unit, which is  
 155 subject to a civil penalty that may be imposed in accordance with the provisions of § 15.2-2209, and the  
 156 zoning administrator, after a good faith effort to obtain the data or information necessary to determine  
 157 whether a violation has occurred, has been unable to obtain such information, he may request that the  
 158 attorney for the locality petition the judge of the general district court for his jurisdiction for a subpoena  
 159 duces tecum against any such person refusing to produce such data or information. The judge of the court,  
 160 upon good cause shown, may cause the subpoena to be issued. Any person failing to comply with such  
 161 subpoena shall be subject to punishment for contempt by the court issuing the subpoena. Any person so  
 162 subpoenaed may apply to the judge who issued the subpoena to quash it.

163 Notwithstanding the provisions of § 15.2-2311, a zoning ordinance may prescribe an appeal period of less  
 164 than 30 days, but not less than 10 days, for a notice of violation involving (a) the storage or disposal of  
 165 nonagricultural excavation material, waste, and debris or (b) temporary or seasonal commercial uses, parking  
 166 of commercial trucks in residential zoning districts, maximum occupancy limitations of a residential dwelling  
 167 unit, or similar short-term, recurring violations.

168 Where provided by ordinance, the zoning administrator may be authorized to grant a modification from  
 169 any provision contained in the zoning ordinance with respect to physical requirements on a lot or parcel of  
 170 land, including but not limited to size, height, location or features of or related to any building, structure, or  
 171 improvements, if the administrator finds in writing that: (1) the strict application of the ordinance would  
 172 produce undue hardship; (2) such hardship is not shared generally by other properties in the same zoning  
 173 district and the same vicinity; and (3) the authorization of the modification will not be of substantial  
 174 detriment to adjacent property and the character of the zoning district will not be changed by the granting of  
 175 the modification. Prior to the granting of a modification, the zoning administrator shall give, or require the  
 176 applicant to give, all adjoining property owners written notice of the request for modification, and an  
 177 opportunity to respond to the request within 21 days of the date of the notice. The zoning administrator shall  
 178 make a decision on the application for modification and issue a written decision with a copy provided to the  
 179 applicant and any adjoining landowner who responded in writing to the notice sent pursuant to this paragraph.  
 180 The decision of the zoning administrator shall constitute a decision within the purview of § 15.2-2311, and  
 181 may be appealed to the board of zoning appeals as provided by that section. Decisions of the board of zoning  
 182 appeals may be appealed to the circuit court as provided by § 15.2-2314.

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183        The zoning administrator shall respond within 90 days of a request for a decision or determination on  
184        zoning matters within the scope of his authority unless the requester has agreed to a longer period. If the  
185        decision or determination by the zoning administrator could impair the ability of an adjacent property owner  
186        to satisfy the minimum storage capacity and yield requirements for a residential drinking well pursuant to  
187        § 32.1-176.4 or any regulation adopted thereunder, the zoning administrator shall provide a copy of such  
188        decision or determination to such adjacent property owner so affected.

189        5. For the imposition of penalties upon conviction of any violation of the zoning ordinance. Any such  
190        violation shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000. If the violation is uncorrected  
191        at the time of the conviction, the court shall order the violator to abate or remedy the violation in compliance  
192        with the zoning ordinance, within a time period established by the court. Failure to remove or abate a zoning  
193        violation within the specified time period shall constitute a separate misdemeanor offense punishable by a  
194        fine of not more than \$1,000; any such failure during a succeeding 10-day period shall constitute a separate  
195        misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,500; and any such failure during any  
196        succeeding 10-day period shall constitute a separate misdemeanor offense for each 10-day period punishable  
197        by a fine of not more than \$2,000.

198        However, any conviction resulting from a violation of provisions regulating the storage or disposal of  
199        nonagricultural excavation material, waste, and debris shall be punishable by a fine of \$2,000. Failure to  
200        abate the violation within the specified time period shall be punishable by a fine of \$5,000, and any such  
201        failure during any succeeding 10-day period shall constitute a separate misdemeanor offense for each 10-day  
202        period punishable by a fine of \$7,500.

203        However, any conviction resulting from a violation of provisions regulating the number of unrelated  
204        persons in single-family residential dwellings shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000. Failure to abate  
205        the violation within the specified time period shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000, and any such  
206        failure during any succeeding 10-day period shall constitute a separate misdemeanor offense for each 10-day  
207        period punishable by a fine of up to \$7,500. However, no such fine shall accrue against an owner or  
208        managing agent of a single-family residential dwelling unit during the pendency of any legal action  
209        commenced by such owner or managing agent of such dwelling unit against a tenant to eliminate an  
210        overcrowding condition in accordance with the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act (§ 55.1-1200 et  
211        seq.). A conviction resulting from a violation of provisions regulating the number of unrelated persons in  
212        single-family residential dwellings shall not be punishable by a jail term.

213        6. For the collection of fees to cover the cost of making inspections, issuing permits, advertising of notices  
214        and other expenses incident to the administration of a zoning ordinance or to the filing or processing of any  
215        appeal or amendment thereto.

216        7. For the amendment of the regulations or district maps from time to time, or for their repeal. Whenever  
217        the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, or good zoning practice requires, the governing body may  
218        by ordinance amend, supplement, or change the regulations, district boundaries, or classifications of property.  
219        Any such amendment may be initiated (i) by resolution of the governing body; (ii) by motion of the local  
220        planning commission; or (iii) by petition of the owner, contract purchaser with the owner's written consent, or  
221        the owner's agent therefor, of the property which is the subject of the proposed zoning map amendment,  
222        addressed to the governing body or the local planning commission, who shall forward such petition to the  
223        governing body; however, the ordinance may provide for the consideration of proposed amendments only at  
224        specified intervals of time, and may further provide that substantially the same petition will not be  
225        reconsidered within a specific period, not exceeding one year. Any such resolution or motion by such  
226        governing body or commission proposing the rezoning shall state the above public purposes therefor.

227        In any county having adopted such zoning ordinance, all motions, resolutions or petitions for amendment  
228        to the zoning ordinance, and/or map shall be acted upon and a decision made within such reasonable time as  
229        may be necessary which shall not exceed 12 months unless the applicant requests or consents to action  
230        beyond such period or unless the applicant withdraws his motion, resolution or petition for amendment to the  
231        zoning ordinance or map, or both. In the event of and upon such withdrawal, processing of the motion,  
232        resolution or petition shall cease without further action as otherwise would be required by this subdivision.

233        8. For the submission and approval of a plan of development prior to the issuance of building permits to  
234        assure compliance with regulations contained in such zoning ordinance.

235        9. For areas and districts designated for mixed use developments or planned unit developments as defined  
236        in § 15.2-2201.

237        10. For the administration of incentive zoning as defined in § 15.2-2201.

238        11. For provisions allowing the locality to enter into a voluntary agreement with a landowner that would  
239        result in the downzoning of the landowner's undeveloped or underdeveloped property in exchange for a tax  
240        credit equal to the amount of excess real estate taxes that the landowner has paid due to the higher zoning  
241        classification. The locality may establish reasonable guidelines for determining the amount of excess real  
242        estate tax collected and the method and duration for applying the tax credit. For purposes of this section,  
243        "downzoning" means a zoning action by a locality that results in a reduction in a formerly permitted land use  
244        intensity or density.

245        12. Provisions for requiring and considering Phase I environmental site assessments based on the  
 246 anticipated use of the property proposed for the subdivision or development that meet generally accepted  
 247 national standards for such assessments, such as those developed by the American Society for Testing and  
 248 Materials, and Phase II environmental site assessments, that also meet accepted national standards, such as,  
 249 but not limited to, those developed by the American Society for Testing and Materials, if the locality deems  
 250 such to be reasonably necessary, based on findings in the Phase I assessment, and in accordance with  
 251 regulations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the American Society for Testing and  
 252 Materials. A reasonable fee may be charged for the review of such environmental assessments. Such fees  
 253 shall not exceed an amount commensurate with the services rendered, taking into consideration the time,  
 254 skill, and administrative expense involved in such review.

255        13. Provisions to incorporate generally accepted national environmental protection and product safety  
 256 standards for the use of solar panels and battery technologies for solar photovoltaic (electric energy) projects,  
 257 such as those developed for existing product certifications and standards including the National Sanitation  
 258 Foundation/American National Standards Institute No. 457, International Electrotechnical Commission No.  
 259 61215-2, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Standard 1547, and Underwriters Laboratories No.  
 260 61730-2.

261        14. Provisions for requiring disclosure and remediation of contamination and other adverse environmental  
 262 conditions of the property prior to approval of subdivision and development plans.

263        15. For the enforcement of provisions of the zoning ordinance that regulate the number of persons  
 264 permitted to occupy a single-family residential dwelling unit, provided such enforcement is in compliance  
 265 with applicable local, state and federal fair housing laws.

266        16. For the issuance of inspection warrants by a magistrate or court of competent jurisdiction. The zoning  
 267 administrator or his agent may make an affidavit under oath before a magistrate or court of competent  
 268 jurisdiction and, if such affidavit establishes probable cause that a zoning ordinance violation has occurred,  
 269 request that the magistrate or court grant the zoning administrator or his agent an inspection warrant to enable  
 270 the zoning administrator or his agent to enter the subject dwelling for the purpose of determining whether  
 271 violations of the zoning ordinance exist. After issuing a warrant under this section, the magistrate or judge  
 272 shall file the affidavit in the manner prescribed by § 19.2-54. After executing the warrant, the zoning  
 273 administrator or his agents shall return the warrant to the clerk of the circuit court of the city or county  
 274 wherein the inspection was made. The zoning administrator or his agent shall make a reasonable effort to  
 275 obtain consent from the owner or tenant of the subject dwelling prior to seeking the issuance of an inspection  
 276 warrant under this section.

277        17. *For the administrative approval of development and construction of housing on land owned by tax-  
 278 exempt nonprofit organizations pursuant to § 15.2-2288.9.*

279        B. Prior to the initiation of an application by the owner of the subject property, the owner's agent, or any  
 280 entity in which the owner holds an ownership interest greater than 50 percent, for a special exception, special  
 281 use permit, variance, rezoning or other land disturbing permit, including building permits and erosion and  
 282 sediment control permits, or prior to the issuance of final approval, the authorizing body may require the  
 283 applicant to produce satisfactory evidence that any delinquent real estate taxes, nuisance charges, stormwater  
 284 management utility fees, and any other charges that constitute a lien on the subject property, that are owed to  
 285 the locality and have been properly assessed against the subject property, have been paid, unless otherwise  
 286 authorized by the treasurer.

287        **§ 15.2-2288.9. Affordable housing; religious organizations and other tax-exempt properties.**

288        A. *Zoning ordinances for all purposes shall allow the by-right development and construction of housing  
 289 on real property owned by a property tax-exempt religious organization or a 501(c)(3) property tax-exempt  
 290 nonprofit organization.*

291        B. *Housing developments pursuant to this section shall be permitted by-right regardless of pre-existing  
 292 local ordinances. The implementation and approval of such developments shall be completed  
 293 administratively. Localities shall not require a special exception, special use permit, conditional use permit,  
 294 rezoning, or any discretionary review or approval process. The approval process for such developments shall  
 295 not exceed 60 days. If no final action is taken by the locality within 90 days of submission of a complete  
 296 application, the application shall be deemed approved.*

297        C. *Such housing developments shall be permitted by-right provided the proposed housing meets all of the  
 298 following conditions:*

299        1. *The property has been owned continuously by the property tax-exempt religious organization or  
 300 501(c)(3) property tax-exempt nonprofit organization for five years prior to the housing development  
 301 application.*

302        2. *At least 60 percent of the housing development's total units are for affordable housing and such  
 303 affordability is preserved for a minimum of 50 years.*

304        3. *All housing built is subject to local real property taxation following completion, unless explicitly  
 305 exempted by the locality.*

306        4. *The housing development follows nondiscrimination rules as defined by the Virginia Fair Housing Law*

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307     (§ 36-96.1 *et seq.*).

308     D. *Housing developments constructed pursuant to this section shall be allowed to have, at a minimum, (i)*  
309     *three full stories, a height of 40 feet, or the height of the tallest existing building within 500 feet, whichever is*  
310     *greater; (ii) at least four units per lot and 20 units per acre, or the most intensive existing residential unit*  
311     *density within 500 feet, whichever is greater; (iii) construction of detached, attached, and multifamily*  
312     *housing units; and (iv) publicly available ground-floor facilities, including religious worship space and child*  
313     *day centers as defined in § 22.1-289.02. No additional requirements shall be imposed regarding floor-area*  
314     *ratio, unit size, lot size, or other dimensional standards, except as required under the Virginia Uniform*  
315     *Statewide Building Code. Parking requirements shall be limited to no more than one space per unit, or the*  
316     *least restrictive parking standard under the local zoning ordinance, whichever is less.*

317     E. *The provisions of this section shall not apply to property adjacent to land zoned for heavy industrial*  
318     *use provided there has been an active and operational heavy industrial use as defined by the locality on the*  
319     *property within the previous five years.*

320     F. *Nothing in this section shall apply to any existing permits for a housing development on real property*  
321     *owned by a property tax-exempt religious organization or a 501(c)(3) property tax-exempt nonprofit*  
322     *organization approved by the locality prior to September 1, 2026.*

323     G. *Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict a locality's passage prior to September 1, 2026, of*  
324     *an ordinance for the development of housing on real property owned by a property tax-exempt religious*  
325     *organization or a 501(c)(3) property tax-exempt nonprofit organization, or a subsequent amendment thereof,*  
326     *that substantially complies with the requirements of this section.*

327     2. **That the provisions of this act shall become effective on September 1, [ 2026 2027 ].**

328     [ 3. **That the provisions of this act shall not become effective unless reenacted by the 2027 Session of the**  
329     **General Assembly.** ]