



Testimony

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House Bill 2025
3-Mile Zone Elimination
House Local Government Committee
January 29, 2025

The Kansas County Commissioners Association is neutral on House Bill 2025 which would eliminate the ability of cities to make planning and zoning decisions in the areas next to but outside the city limits. While KCCA is neutral, the organization believes the bill is addressing complicated issues without enough study.

The KCCA, along with the Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities request that House Bill 2025 not be advanced and that an interim committee be established to give the issue the time and attention it needs.

The 3-mile ring as it's called has been in statute for 60 years. And for good reasons. It allows for the orderly growth of communities, including utility services and infrastructure construction.

Cooperation between County Commissioners and City officials is critical in working out interlocal agreements that will be fair to both city residents and county residents living just outside the city limits.

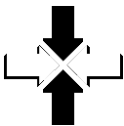
Eliminating the 3-mile zone without more discussion and study could result in unintended consequences.

The KCCA encourages establishing an interim committee to discuss and work through the many issues involved with the 3-mile zone.

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