



1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 834

March 7, 2000 - Introduced by Representative BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Conservation and Land Use.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 62.23 (7) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** changing the purposes
2 for which municipal zoning ordinances may be enacted.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a city, village or town that is authorized to exercise village powers (municipality) or a county is authorized to enact zoning ordinances that regulate and restrict the height, number of stories and size of buildings and other structures, the percentage of lot that may be occupied, the size of yards and other open spaces, the density of population and the location and use of buildings, structures and land for various purposes.

Current law requires that such zoning ordinances, with regard to municipalities, be made in accordance with a comprehensive plan and be designed for certain purposes, such as to lessen congestion in the streets, to secure safety from fire, panic and other dangers and to provide adequate light and air, including access to sunlight for solar collectors. This bill eliminates some of these purposes, such as to lessen congestion in the streets, to secure safety from panic, to prevent the overcrowding of land and to avoid undue concentration of population and adds the purpose of encouraging maximum healthy densities and a mix of residential, commercial and business areas which result in pleasant, walkable neighborhoods.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

