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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1359

**Introduced by Assembly Member Roger Hernández
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Ammiano)**

February 22, 2013

An act to amend Section 66477 of the Government Code, relating to land use.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1359, as amended, Roger Hernández. Quimby Act: use of fees. The Quimby Act, which is within the Subdivision Map Act, authorizes the legislative body of a city or county to require the dedication of land or impose fees for park or recreational purposes as a condition to the approval of a tentative or parcel subdivision map, if specified requirements are met. One of these requirements is that the dedicated land or fees, or combination thereof, shall be used only for the purposes of developing or rehabilitating neighborhood or community park or recreational facilities to serve the subdivision for which the land was dedicated or fees were paid. The act provides that the dedication of land, or the payment of fees, or both, shall not exceed the proportionate amount necessary to provide 3 acres of park area per 1,000 persons

residing within a subdivision subject to the act, except as specified. Existing law requires fees to be payable at the time of the recording of the final map or parcel map or at a later time as may be prescribed by local ordinance.

This bill would authorize fees paid pursuant to the act to also be used for the purpose of developing or rehabilitating park or recreational facilities in a neighborhood other than the neighborhood in which the subdivision for which fees were paid as a condition to the approval of a tentative map or parcel map is located, if certain requirements are met. The bill would require the legislative body to hold a public hearing before using fees as prescribed in the bill. This bill also would authorize the use of joint or shared use agreements to facilitate access to park or recreational facilities for residents in specified areas.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 66477 of the Government Code, as
2 amended by Section 61 of Chapter 181 of the Statutes of 2012, is
3 amended to read:

4 66477. (a) The legislative body of a city or county may, by
5 ordinance, require the dedication of land or impose a requirement
6 of the payment of fees in lieu thereof, or a combination of both,
7 for park or recreational purposes as a condition to the approval of
8 a tentative map or parcel map, if all of the following requirements
9 are met:

10 (1) The ordinance has been in effect for a period of 30 days
11 prior to the filing of the tentative map of the subdivision or parcel
12 map.

13 (2) The ordinance includes definite standards for determining
14 the proportion of a subdivision to be dedicated and the amount of
15 any fee to be paid in lieu thereof. The amount of land dedicated
16 or fees paid shall be based upon the residential density, which shall
17 be determined on the basis of the approved or conditionally
18 approved tentative map or parcel map and the average number of
19 persons per household. There shall be a rebuttable presumption
20 that the average number of persons per household by units in a
21 structure is the same as that disclosed by the most recent available
22 federal census or a census taken pursuant to Chapter 17

1 (commencing with Section 40200) of Part 2 of Division 3 of Title
2 4. However, the dedication of land, or the payment of fees, or both,
3 shall not exceed the proportionate amount necessary to provide
4 three acres of park area per 1,000 persons residing within a
5 subdivision subject to this section, unless the amount of existing
6 neighborhood and community park area, as calculated pursuant to
7 this subdivision, exceeds that limit, in which case the legislative
8 body may adopt the calculated amount as a higher standard not to
9 exceed five acres per 1,000 persons residing within a subdivision
10 subject to this section.

11 (A) The park area per 1,000 members of the population of the
12 city, county, or local public agency shall be derived from the ratio
13 that the amount of neighborhood and community park acreage
14 bears to the total population of the city, county, or local public
15 agency as shown in the most recent available federal census. The
16 amount of neighborhood and community park acreage shall be the
17 actual acreage of existing neighborhood and community parks of
18 the city, county, or local public agency as shown on its records,
19 plans, recreational element, maps, or reports as of the date of the
20 most recent available federal census.

21 (B) For cities incorporated after the date of the most recent
22 available federal census, the park area per 1,000 members of the
23 population of the city shall be derived from the ratio that the
24 amount of neighborhood and community park acreage shown on
25 the maps, records, or reports of the county in which the newly
26 incorporated city is located bears to the total population of the new
27 city as determined pursuant to Section 11005 of the Revenue and
28 Taxation Code. In making any subsequent calculations pursuant
29 to this section, the county in which the newly incorporated city is
30 located shall not include the figures pertaining to the new city
31 which were calculated pursuant to this paragraph. Fees shall be
32 payable at the time of the recording of the final map or parcel map,
33 or at a later time as may be prescribed by local ordinance.

34 (3) (A) The land, fees, or combination thereof are to be used
35 only for the purpose of developing new or rehabilitating existing
36 neighborhood or community park or recreational facilities to serve
37 the subdivision, except as provided in subparagraph (B).

38 (B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), fees may be used for
39 the purpose of developing new or rehabilitating existing park or
40 recreational facilities in a neighborhood other than the

1 neighborhood in which the subdivision for which fees were paid
2 as a condition to the approval of a tentative map or parcel map is
3 located, if all of the following requirements are met:

4 (i) The neighborhood in which the fees are to be expended has
5 fewer than three acres of park area per 1,000 members of the
6 neighborhood population.

7 (ii) The neighborhood in which the subdivision for which the
8 fees were paid has a park area per 1,000 members of the
9 neighborhood population ratio that meets or exceeds the ratio
10 calculated pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2), but in
11 no event is less than three acres per 1,000 persons.

12 (iii) The legislative body holds a public hearing before using
13 the fees pursuant to this subparagraph.

14 (iv) The legislative body makes a finding supported by
15 substantial evidence that it is reasonably foreseeable that future
16 inhabitants of the subdivision for which the fee is imposed will
17 use the proposed park and recreational facilities in the
18 neighborhood where the fees are used.

19 (v) *The fees are used within a specified radius that complies*
20 *with the city's or county's ordinance adopted pursuant to*
21 *subdivision (a), and are consistent with the adopted general plan*
22 *or specific plan of the city or county.*

23 (4) The legislative body has adopted a general plan or specific
24 plan containing policies and standards for parks and recreational
25 facilities, and the park and recreational facilities are in accordance
26 with definite principles and standards.

27 (5) The amount and location of land to be dedicated or the fees
28 to be paid shall bear a reasonable relationship to the use of the
29 park and recreational facilities by the future inhabitants of the
30 subdivision.

31 (6) (A) The city, county, or other local public agency to which
32 the land or fees are conveyed or paid shall develop a schedule
33 specifying how, when, and where it will use the land or fees, or
34 both, to develop park or recreational facilities to serve the residents
35 of the subdivision. Any fees collected under the ordinance shall
36 be committed within five years after the payment of the fees or
37 the issuance of building permits on one-half of the lots created by
38 the subdivision, whichever occurs later. If the fees are not
39 committed, they, without any deductions, shall be distributed and
40 paid to the then record owners of the subdivision in the same

1 proportion that the size of their lot bears to the total area of all lots
2 within the subdivision.

3 (B) The city, county, or other local agency to which the land or
4 fees are conveyed or paid may enter into a joint or shared use
5 agreement with one or more other public districts in the
6 jurisdiction, including, but not limited to, a school district or
7 community college district, in order to provide access to park or
8 recreational facilities to residents of subdivisions with fewer than
9 three acres of park area per 1,000 members of the population.

10 (7) Only the payment of fees may be required in subdivisions
11 containing 50 parcels or less, except that when a condominium
12 project, stock cooperative, or community apartment project, as
13 those terms are defined in Sections 4105, 4125, and 4190 of the
14 Civil Code, exceeds 50 dwelling units, dedication of land may be
15 required notwithstanding that the number of parcels may be less
16 than 50.

17 (8) Subdivisions containing less than five parcels and not used
18 for residential purposes shall be exempted from the requirements
19 of this section. However, in that event, a condition may be placed
20 on the approval of a parcel map that if a building permit is
21 requested for construction of a residential structure or structures
22 on one or more of the parcels within four years, the fee may be
23 required to be paid by the owner of each parcel as a condition of
24 the issuance of the permit.

25 (9) If the subdivider provides park and recreational
26 improvements to the dedicated land, the value of the improvements
27 together with any equipment located thereon shall be a credit
28 against the payment of fees or dedication of land required by the
29 ordinance.

30 (b) Land or fees required under this section shall be conveyed
31 or paid directly to the local public agency which provides park
32 and recreational services on a communitywide level and to the
33 area within which the proposed development will be located, if
34 that agency elects to accept the land or fee. The local agency
35 accepting the land or funds shall develop the land or use the funds
36 in the manner provided in this section.

37 (c) If park and recreational services and facilities are provided
38 by a public agency other than a city or county, the amount and
39 location of land to be dedicated or fees to be paid shall, subject to

1 paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), be jointly determined by the city
2 or county having jurisdiction and that other public agency.

3 (d) This section does not apply to commercial or industrial
4 subdivisions or to condominium projects or stock cooperatives
5 that consist of the subdivision of airspace in an existing apartment
6 building that is more than five years old when no new dwelling
7 units are added.

8 (e) Common interest developments, as defined in Section 1351
9 of the Civil Code, shall be eligible to receive a credit, as determined
10 by the legislative body, against the amount of land required to be
11 dedicated, or the amount of the fee imposed, pursuant to this
12 section, for the value of private open space within the development
13 which is usable for active recreational uses.

14 (f) Park and recreation purposes shall include land and facilities
15 for the activity of “recreational community gardening,” which
16 activity consists of the cultivation by persons other than, or in
17 addition to, the owner of the land, of plant material not for sale.

18 (g) This section shall be known, and may be cited, as the
19 Quimby Act.