



Bennington scraps size caps, keeps impact fees

BENNINGTON, Vt. The Select Board in Bennington (Vermont) has rejected a new move to cap the size of big-box retailers in town.

But the board voted yesterday to impose impact fees on developers seeking to build stores larger than 50-thousand-square feet.

The move comes four months after town voters rejected a plan to cap the size of retailers in town at 75-thousand square feet.

A leader of the successful effort to repeal that bylaw by referendum says he'll seek to repeal the new one, too.

The debate over the size of retailers in Bennington comes against the backdrop of a proposal for a 50-thousand square foot Wal-Mart in town to be torn down and replaced by one about twice that size.

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