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# Proffers Stay in Virginia -- For Now

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RICHMOND, Va. -- Lawmakers delayed until next year a proposal to drastically change the way developers help pay for municipal services required by new development.

The move is seen as a big victory for [Northern Virginia](#) localities that are pressed by sprawl and the housing market's downturn.

The House Rules Committee postponed a bill that would have thrown out a 30-year-old system that coaxes millions of dollars out of developers for libraries, schools and roads.

Critics say the the commitments, called proffers, drive up the price of housing and raise the price of each new home as much as \$47,000.

They want proffers replaced with a flat impact fee of about \$12,500.

Local governments, including [Loudoun County](#), say they would lose thousands of dollars of improvements if the changes were made now.

The issue will be revisited next year when both sides hope an improved housing market will allow them to reach a compromise.

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