



CIRC Legislative Matters

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What does this mean for economic development and future development projects?

House Bill 129 - Local School Taxes

HB 129 seeks to allow all the local school districts to increase property taxes for operational costs (not capital) by either 2% annually or the CPI-W difference from one year to the next. It also includes language that if a re-assessment does occur, these increases would apply to those new rates. Finally the bill states this does not impact any state dollars budgeted to those districts that choose to implement the property tax.

If you have any comments, please let CIRC's Legislative Affairs Chair, Greg Ellis, and Legislative Lobbyist, Scott Kidner, know ASAP.

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HB 129 - Bill Progress

House Education 5/2/19

What happens next? Committee Hearing takes place within twelve (12) legislative days.

HB 129 - Bill Details

Introduced on: 5/2/19

Primary Sponsor: [Jaques](#)

Additional Sponsor(s): Sen. [Sturgeon](#)

Co-Sponsor(s): Sen. [Lockman](#), [Sokola](#), [Townsend](#), Rep. [Baumbach](#)

Long Title: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LOCAL SCHOOL TAXES.

Original Synopsis:

This bill creates a mechanism by which school boards may increase funds for a school district both with and without a referendum. This bill also provides how certain school boards may levy real estate taxes.

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Approved: NCC Ordinance 19-005 - Transportation Districts

On Tuesday night, New Castle County Council approved an ordinance that enables New Castle County and the Department of Transportation (DelDOT) to create Transportation Districts.

Ordinance 19-005 provides guidelines for New Castle County and DelDOT, along with County Council, to create Transportation Improvement Districts (TID) with the intent of promoting economic development. The TID analysis will identify transportation improvements that will be required to support future development identified within the TID. The analysis will also identify costs to complete the recommended improvements, with DelDOT paying for 50% of the improvements and the development(s) paying the remaining amount based on projected traffic from the development(s).

Under the current system, large projects typically undergo Traffic Impact Studies that identify failing intersections or road segments with improvements to be fully funded by development for the project to proceed forward.

County Executive Matt Meyer stated that "Under existing traffic rules, areas across New Castle County are stuck with congestion that is only getting worse. If we keep doing what we are doing, we will keep

getting what we are getting. Thank you to the leaders on County Council who voted for common-sense legislation that forces every developer to pay their fair share to improve the flow of traffic in areas that we as a community designate.” The County Executive has been walking a tightrope between encouraging economic development and concerns about traffic.

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CIRC 2019 Schedule of Events

- June 24 (Monday) - Golf Outing at Hartefeld National
 - July - no meetings
 - August - no meetings
 - September 11 (Wed.) - Monthly Membership Luncheon
 - October 9 (Wed.) - Monthly Membership Luncheon
 - Continuing Education Classes (8:30 & 1:30)
 - November 13 (Wed.) - Annual Joint Holiday Dinner - SIOR - CCIM - CIRC - DREW - AI
 - December 11 (Wed.) - Holiday Networking Lunch
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