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Joshua Lee Smith Discusses Massachusetts Zoning Law Changes and the Future of Housing Development

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Massachusetts' fiscal 2027 budget includes several significant changes to the state's zoning laws that could make it easier to advance housing development. The amendments lower the standard for obtaining zoning variances, create a new pathway for residential-use variances, and extend the time developers have to move approved projects forward. Joshua Lee Smith recently spoke with the *Worcester Business Journal* about the changes and their potential impact on housing production:

> "A lot of the amendments are aimed at preserving time, and time is money. These changes are really aimed at keeping projects and developers in the game and encouraging housing production."

Read the article "Small changes, big impact: Quiet state budget provisions could reshape housing development" on the *Worcester Business Journal* website (subscription required).

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