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## Private Acts of 1965 Chapter 35

**SECTION 1.** That from and after the effective date of this Act, any person or persons desiring to erect or have erected, constructed, or reconstructed, any building or structure in Sullivan County, or any person or persons desiring to alter or have altered any existing building or structure in Sullivan County, where the value of such alteration will exceed the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), shall first apply to the Tax Assessor of Sullivan County for a building permit for such erection, construction, reconstruction, or alteration. Said application shall be in a form to be prescribed by the Tax Assessor and shall contain the following information: (1) whether the proposed work is to be new construction or the alteration of an existing structure (2) the location or address of the proposed construction or alteration; (3) the identity of the owner or owners of the premises; (4) the cost of the completed structure in the case of new construction, or in the case of the alteration of an existing structure, the value of such structure before and after such alteration; and (5) such other information as the Tax Assessor shall prescribe. Upon proper application, duly filed, the Tax Assessor shall then issue a building permit and shall take note of the fact of such erection, construction, reconstruction, or alteration for his tax records. The Tax Assessor may charge a fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) for the issuance of such permit, if the County Court so directs. No new or additional property tax shall be assessed against such premises unless and until the same are complete or at least completed to the extent that they are habitable or may be put to use. However, in the case of the alteration of an existing structure not therefore on the tax books of the county, or against which no property tax has been assessed, the Tax Assessor is not precluded from assessing such structure at its value before such alteration is completed and subsequently increasing the assessment upon completion of such alteration, so as to include the value thereof.

**SECTION 2.** That this Act shall not apply to the erection, construction, reconstruction, or alteration of buildings or other structures in cities requiring permits for the same, providing that copies of such permits are made available to the office of the Tax Assessor of Sullivan County.

**SECTION 3.** That the Quarterly County Court of Sullivan County shall by appropriate resolution of said court create and establish uniform set-back regulations for all buildings or additions thereto which may be hereinafter erected facing upon or adjacent to any State or County maintained roads or rights-of-way in said county.

**SECTION 4.** That violation of the provisions of this Act shall be punishable as a misdemeanor.

**SECTION 5.** That this Act shall have no effect unless the same shall have been approved by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the Quarterly County Court of Sullivan County on or before the next regular meeting of such Court occurring more than thirty days (30) after its approval by the Chief Executive of this State. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the body having jurisdiction to approve or the reverse, and shall be certified by him to the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 6.** That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.  
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