



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

20 ILCS 2705/2705-209 new

Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Authorizes the creation of the Prairie Parkway Corridor Council to take certain actions in relation to the economic development of the Prairie Parkway Corridor. Provides procedures for the organization and operation of the Council. Requires the Council to report annually to the counties and municipalities represented by its members. Provides that the Council is abolished 10 years after completion of the Prairie Parkway or upon the vote of a majority of the voting members. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Transportation Law of the  
5 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding  
6 Section 2705-209 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-209 new)

8 Sec. 2705-209. Prairie Parkway Corridor Council.

9 (a) Upon the request of at least one county within 1.5  
10 miles of the Prairie Parkway Corridor, the Department shall  
11 establish a Prairie Parkway Corridor Council within the  
12 Department. The request for the creation of the Council may  
13 only be made after the completion of Phase One engineering of  
14 the Prairie Parkway Corridor.

15 (b) The voting members of the Council shall consist of the  
16 following: (i) one county board member of each county within 1.5  
17 miles of the Prairie Parkway Corridor who shall be appointed by  
18 the chairman of the county board and (ii) one member of the  
19 corporate authorities of each municipality within 1.5 miles of  
20 the Prairie Parkway Corridor who shall be appointed by the  
21 corporate authorities of the municipality. The members shall  
22 elect a chairman from among the voting members.

23 The Director of Transportation, or his or her designee,  
24 shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Council.

25 If a vacancy occurs in the Council membership, the vacancy  
26 shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment.

27 (c) The Council may begin to conduct business upon the  
28 appointment of a majority of the voting members, including the  
29 chair.

30 (d) The Council may adopt bylaws; it must meet at least  
31 once each calendar quarter; and it may establish committees and  
32 officers as it deems necessary. For purposes of Council

1 meetings, a quorum is a majority of the voting members.  
2 Meetings of the Council are subject to the Open Meetings Act.  
3 The Council must afford an opportunity for public comment at  
4 each of its meetings.

5 (e) Council members shall serve without compensation, but  
6 may be reimbursed for their reasonable travel expenses from  
7 funds available for that purpose. The Department shall provide  
8 staff and administrative support services to the Council.

9 (f) The Council shall take the following actions concerning  
10 the development of the Prairie Parkway Corridor:

11 (1) develop a comprehensive plan for new development  
12 within the Prairie Parkway Corridor;

13 (2) maintain existing zoning ordinances within  
14 territories annexed by municipalities within the Corridor  
15 as part of the comprehensive plan;

16 (3) to the extent that they do not conflict with the  
17 need to provide high quality land to new investors,  
18 accommodate existing county land use designations; and

19 (4) require all future development to conform with the  
20 comprehensive plan.

21 (g) The Council shall annually submit a report to the  
22 counties and municipalities represented by its members  
23 concerning its findings and recommendations.

24 (h) The Council shall be abolished 10 years after the date  
25 of completion of the Prairie Parkway unless a majority of the  
26 voting members of the Council approve its continuance. At any  
27 time prior to the 10-year period, a majority of the voting  
28 members may abolish of the Council.

29 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
30 becoming law.