

**§ 53-461. (Effective January 1, 2027) Local government authority not preempted.**

(a) No Preemption of Local Authority. – This Article does not preempt, restrict, or otherwise limit the authority of a city or county to regulate virtual currency kiosks through zoning, land-use controls, development regulations, or other ordinances adopted pursuant to Chapter 160D of the General Statutes, provided the ordinances do not conflict with the express provisions of this Article.

(b) Authority to Regulate or Prohibit Virtual Currency Kiosks as a Land Use. – A city or county may regulate virtual currency kiosks as a distinct land-use category through its zoning ordinance by doing any of the following:

- (1) Designating the zoning districts in which virtual currency kiosks are permitted or prohibited.
- (2) Imposing reasonable conditions on the siting, placement, density, or operation of the virtual currency kiosks.
- (3) Prohibiting the operation of virtual currency kiosks within the jurisdiction or any portion thereof.

(c) Uniform Application. – Any zoning regulation adopted pursuant to this section shall apply uniformly to all virtual currency kiosk operators.

(d) Construction. – This section shall be liberally construed to preserve local authority to regulate the land-use impacts, public safety considerations, and community-planning concerns associated with virtual currency kiosks. (2026-45, s. 1.)