LAND USE CHALLENGES FOR SMALL TOWNS: LEGAL PERSPECTIVE

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“Well I'll be darned! Accordin' to this here zoning law, this town is plenty big enough for both of us!”
THE NEIGHBORHOOD

I miss the public swimming pool.

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THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE A ZONING BOARD.
This town just ain't big enough fer the both of us.

Yep, I reckon we'll have to annex part o' the county.

Mom won't let us play with guns.

I get to be the zoning board!
Why have you come before the City Commission?

We'd like to apply for a zoning variance around our house.

What kind of variance?

He wants to build a mountain in our backyard.

A mountain, why?

So we can ski on it when it snows.

Sorry, if we allowed that, it would start us down a slippery slope.

I think that was a yes!
“OK, that’s five votes in favor of saving the historic old hotel, and one vote for stomping it to bits and eating everyone inside!”
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