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By law, the authority granted to counties by T.C.A. § 5-1-118(c) may be exercised only in the unincorporated areas of the county. Additionally, the law states that it should not be construed to allow any county to prohibit or in any way impede any municipality in exercising any lawful municipal power or authority.

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