

1 **POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE 9(L) LANGUAGE**

2 (L) ~~Rural growth areas. A permit will be granted for the~~
3 ~~development or subdivision of rural growth areas when it is demonstrated by~~
4 ~~the applicant that in addition to all other applicable criteria provision will be~~
5 ~~made in accordance with subdivisions (9)(A) “impact of growth,” (G) “private~~
6 ~~utility service,” (H) “costs of scattered development” and (J) “public utility~~
7 ~~services” of subsection (a) of this section for reasonable population densities,~~
8 ~~reasonable rates of growth, and the use of cluster planning and new community~~
9 ~~planning designed to economize on the cost of roads, utilities and land usage.~~
10 Settlement patterns. To promote Vermont’s historic settlement pattern of
11 compact village and urban centers separated by rural countryside, a permit will
12 be granted for a development or subdivision outside an existing settlement
13 when it is demonstrated by the applicant that, in addition to all other applicable
14 criteria, the development or subdivision:

15 (i) will make efficient use of land, energy, roads, utilities, and
16 other supporting infrastructure; and

17 (ii) (I) will not contribute to a pattern of strip development along
18 public highways; or

19 (II) if the development or subdivision will be located in an area
20 that already constitutes strip development, will incorporate infill as defined in
21 24 V.S.A. § 2791 and is designed to reasonably minimize the characteristics

1 listed in the definition of strip development under subdivision 6001(36) of this
2 title.