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Abstract

This paper establishes the existence and efficiency of equilibrium in a local public goods economy with spatial structures by formalizing Hamilton's (1975 Urban Studies) elaboration of Tiebout's (1956 JPE) tale. We use a well-known equilibrium concept from Rothschild and Stiglitz (1976, QJE) in a market with asymmetric information, and show that Hamilton's zoning policy plays an essential role in proving existence and efficiency of equilibrium. We use an idealized large economy following Ellickson, Grodal, Scotchmer and Zame (1999, Econometrica) and Allouch, Conley and Wooders (2004). Our theorem is directly applicable to the existence and efficiency of a discrete approximation of mono- or multi-centric city equilibrium in urban economics with commuting time costs even if we allow existence of multiple qualities of (collective) residences, when externalities due to traffic congestion are not present.

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1 Introduction

In his celebrated paper published a half century ago, Tiebout (1956) argued that although Samuelsonian pure public goods may be underprovided due to consumers' free-riding incentives in reporting preferences, examples of pure public goods are very rare, and impure local public goods can be provided efficiently (efficiency) by consumers' revealed preferences through voting with feet (self-selection) and competition among jurisdictions (entrepreneurship). Recently, Ellickson, Grodal, Scotchmer, and Zame (1999)¹ and Allouch, Conley, and Wooders (2004) provide nice formalizations of Tiebout's idea, proving the existence and Pareto efficiency of Tiebout equilibrium in the exact sense.² According to these papers, if the number of jurisdictions is very large, there is no spillover effect across jurisdictions, jurisdiction managers maximize profits, and the price system is complete for every possible jurisdiction type, then: there exists a Tiebout equilibrium and every Tiebout equilibrium is Pareto efficient with sorting.³ They thus provide a rigorous theoretical foundation for Tiebout's tale.

However, as with many papers in the literature that provide support for Tiebout's tale, there are still two ways in which these papers are not satisfactory for the analysis of a local public goods economy. First, they do not consider spatial elements.⁴ In his original paper, Tiebout says that housing

¹As they say in their paper, Ellickson et al. (1999) deal with a club economy, in which consumers are allowed to join multiple clubs. However, if we impose a single-membership constraint, their model becomes a standard local public goods model with finite public projects and infinite consumer types. Allouch et al. (2004) deal with local public goods with infinite public projects and finite consumer types.

²Wooders (1978, 1980) considers finite population cases. The former shows the existence and efficiency of equilibrium in the exact sense when total population can be exactly divided up into communities of optimal size. The latter shows the existence and efficiency (core convergence) of equilibrium in approximation for large finite economies. Ellickson et al. (1999) and Allouch et al. (2004), in contrast, show the existence and efficiency of equilibrium in the exact sense with a continuum of consumers when each jurisdiction population is finite.

³Bewley (1981) made thorough criticisms of Tiebout's tale. He argued convincingly that Tiebout's tale is supportable only in a trivial local public service economy that is essentially the same as a private good economy by providing a sequence of counterexamples. However, he assumes that the number of jurisdictions is finite. This is the main reason that Bewley (1981) obtains a very negative result.

⁴In club goods model, spatial elements are less important. Thus, unless it is applied to local public goods economy, the first point does not apply to Ellickson et al. (1999). The second point (stated below) will be relevant for both papers.

developers' actions adjust the population of (suburban) communities to an efficient size.⁵ Since suburbanization and a voluntary sorting process make the case in the real world for Tiebout's tale, it seems important for any model to take into account spatial considerations and housing developers. Also, as pointed out by Hamilton (1975), in the US suburbs, jurisdictions' expenses are financed by property taxes, especially taxes on housing. Thus, the model needs to include land in order to justify Tiebout's tale. More globally, consumers may care about the climates and geographical features of locations (say, Boston, Boulder, and Los Angeles). Even within the same metropolitan area, they may have preferences for the seaside or the mountains (say, in San Diego). Finally, Tiebout assumes that there is no restriction due to employment opportunity.⁶ This is certainly a very strong assumption if we consider modern American suburbs, where consumers undeniably consider the nearby job opportunities and commuting time when choosing where to live; it seems almost contradictory once spatial elements are introduced in the model. Thus, it is intriguing to know if Tiebout's tale would work without such a strong assumption.

Second, many papers in the literature including Ellickson et al. (1999) and Allouch et al. (2004) assume (implicitly or explicitly) that the price system is complete: that is, there are markets for all potential jurisdiction types in addition to the jurisdiction types that are observed in equilibrium. Both consumers and jurisdictions know the prices (tax payments) of all possible jurisdiction types; and, if we do not find a type of jurisdiction in an equilibrium, then consumers are not interested in living in it and jurisdiction managers are not interested in creating it under its market price. This is obviously an unrealistic and unsatisfactory assumption. In this paper, we propose an equilibrium concept that does not require market prices for jurisdiction types not present in equilibrium. We preserve efficiency of equilibrium without assuming a complete market by introducing entrepreneurship for jurisdiction managers via an equilibrium concept from Rothschild and Stiglitz (1976).

We provide a spatial model and an equilibrium concept that answer the above considerations. We show that these considerations in themselves do

⁵Discussions after his Assumption 7. Assumption 7 states that "communities below the optimum size seek to attract new residents to lower average costs. Those above optimal size do just the opposite. Those at an optimum try to keep their population constant."

⁶His Assumption 4: "Restrictions due to employment opportunities are not considered. It may be assumed that all persons are living on dividend income."

not speak against Tiebout’s tale. We prove both existence and efficiency of equilibrium by extending the approach from Ellickson et al. (1999) and Allouch et al. (2004). The key presumptions for our positive result are (i) many jurisdictions in each physical location; (ii) Hamilton’s (1975) zoning policy that makes crowding effects anonymous; and (iii) free entry by potential profit-maximizing jurisdiction managers. As a corollary of our theorem, we can show that a closed-economy, finite-location monocentric city has an equilibrium even when quality of housing is a choice variable determined by developers, and collective houses (condos/apartments) are allowed, and equilibrium is efficient in the absence of externalities due to traffic congestion.

In the rest of this section, we discuss the above two considerations in more detail. In Section 2, we present our model, our concept of equilibrium, and the result (Theorem). Section 3 provides the sketch of the proof and related discussions. Section 4 closes the paper with possible extensions, applications to urban economics, and cautious remarks on our result.

1.1 Spatial Considerations

There are papers that discuss efficiency of equilibrium while considering some of these spatial aspects. Efficiency and self-selection in equilibrium of a model that includes housing developers and land have been discussed in a beautiful but informal paper by Hamilton (1975). Hamilton argues that if the jurisdictions are profit-maximizing land developers, complete segregation by preferences and efficiency of equilibrium are achieved simultaneously if jurisdictions adopt zoning policies (minimum lot size restrictions). A zoning policy would prevent free-riding, and achieves segregation of consumers by their preferences. This insightful story supplements Tiebout’s original tale and makes it applicable to spatial models.⁷ A paper by Sonstelie and Portney (1978) is similar to Hamilton’s with some more details. In the current paper, we show formally that Hamilton’s story has a rigorous theoretical foundation (with property taxes and zoning policies) employing the approach in Ellickson et al. (1999) and Allouch et al. (2004). We also clarify which assumptions are important in achieving the existence and efficiency of equilibrium simultaneously. Clarifying the underlying assumptions is important, since we can evaluate the applicability of our results by determining how plausible these assumptions are in the

⁷Hamilton also addresses the last point in the context of a monocentric city briefly in his footnote 15.

real world.

We introduce heterogeneous locations into the model so that we can include commuting costs and preferences over physical locations. Note that we consider jurisdictions in each physical location. Thus, within a jurisdiction, land is homogenous. Our framework in the current paper cannot handle heterogeneous land within a jurisdiction.

Note also that wage rates are different in different locations due to different levels of productivity. As we have said above, Tiebout (1956) assumes that there are no restrictions due to employment opportunities (his assumption 4) in stating his tale. Buchanan and Wagner (1970), Buchanan and Goetz (1972), and Flatters, Henderson, and Mieszkowski (1974) elaborate Tiebout's statement by claiming that spatial employment opportunity cannot be allowed to attain efficiency of equilibrium since voting with feet is a process of utility equalization rather than one of marginal product equalization. However, these models have a predetermined finite number of jurisdictions, and do not allow for the possibility of creating a new jurisdiction. In contrast, in our model, there are many small jurisdictions and entry of new jurisdictions is allowed implicitly. In such a scenario, we can show that spatial wage differentials play no role in achieving efficiency of equilibrium. If entry is allowed, an entrepreneurial jurisdiction manager can make profits by offering a policy package to a particular type of consumer that is better than the packages currently available in the market. Thus, the possibility of entry is the main mechanism through which efficiency is achieved. Indeed, in a Hamiton-type economy, Brueckner (1981) shows by an example that there may be other inefficient equilibria other than the efficient sorting equilibrium unless free entry of jurisdictions is assumed.⁸

1.2 Equilibrium Concept

Besides spatial location, another point we want to address in this paper is that of the concept of equilibrium. Although Ellickson et al. (1999) and Allouch et al. (2004) provide positive results (existence and the first welfare theorem), their equilibrium concepts assume that agents are price takers and that the market is complete in the sense that every possible jurisdiction type (or ju-

⁸Brueckner (1981) assumes perfectly elastic land supply, which turns out to be perfectly consistent with our infinitesimal jurisdiction assumption in the current paper. Bewley (1981) also stress the importance of free entry.

risdiction policy package: population, tax rate, and local public goods) has a price regardless of the actual existence of that type in equilibrium.⁹ That is, both consumers and jurisdictions know the prices of all possible jurisdiction types, and if we do not find a type of jurisdiction in equilibrium, then consumers are not interested in living in it and jurisdiction managers are not interested in creating it under its market price. This is certainly not a satisfactory assumption; given price-taking consumers and jurisdiction managers, completeness of the market is essential for the first welfare theorem to hold. Imagine the following example: Suppose that all jurisdictions have the same zero profit policy in an allocation (say, no local public goods and no tax). All jurisdictions satisfy this zero profit condition, and consumers choose their jurisdictions optimally. Jurisdiction managers are price taking (passive), so they choose the best jurisdiction type among the ones they can observe (here, unique). Thus, this is an equilibrium with an incomplete market.¹⁰ It is easy to see that the same argument applies for many different subsets of jurisdiction types. Without the entrepreneurship of jurisdiction managers, a competitive equilibrium may not achieve efficiency.

In contrast, Wooders (1978) and Bewley (1981) consider equilibrium concepts in which prices are set only for existing jurisdiction types, and they assume that a group of consumers can form a coalitional deviation to create an unavailable type of jurisdiction (entrepreneurial consumers). However, allowing such a coalitional deviation of consumers themselves does not fit very well with Tiebout's original tale: unlike Samuelson's pure public goods case, the market mechanism can achieve efficient allocations in equilibria even if jurisdictions cannot observe each consumer's preferences.

Instead of assuming entrepreneurial consumers, we assume entrepreneurial

⁹Sonstelie and Portney (1978) assume this explicitly as well. Although their equilibrium concepts are not defined formally, both Tiebout (1956) and Hamilton (1975) seem to assume the completeness of the market. The same remark applies to Scotchmer (1994) and Wildasin (1992). In hedonic price models that originated with Rosen (1974), it is also implicitly assumed that all possible goods (characteristics) are priced.

¹⁰This problem occurs in a classical general equilibrium model if there are potentially produceable commodities which are originally nonexistent in the economy (endowments are zero for these commodities). The first welfare theorem can fail if the market is incomplete in our sense. In textbooks, we take completeness of market as given even in such a situation, if there is no time element in the model. However, if time and uncertainty are part of the model, the market can be incomplete even if all commodities have positive endowments and positive production levels (this latter one is the standard notion of incomplete market in general equilibrium theory: see, say, Magill and Shafer, 1991).

jurisdiction managers in this paper. We will use a version of the well-known equilibrium concept defined for markets with asymmetric information (adverse selection) by Rothschild and Stiglitz (1976).¹¹ We assume that a jurisdiction manager cannot tell each consumer's preference type (although she knows the distribution of their preference types). An announced jurisdiction policy can attract only one type of consumer as residents if that type is the only one that gets higher utility from the policy than from currently available jurisdiction policies in the market. The equilibrium concept employed here requires that no consumer have an incentive to move among existing jurisdictions, and that there be no unavailable jurisdiction policy that can both attract consumers and be profitable for a jurisdiction manager. As is well known in the literature, neither existence nor efficiency is normally guaranteed in the Rothschild-Stiglitz equilibrium. However, in a local public goods economy, the free-rider problem disappears with Hamilton's zoning policy, since the latter makes crowding effects anonymous.¹² Under anonymous crowding, we can say that equilibrium as we define it achieves efficiency through jurisdiction managers' entrepreneurship and consumers' self-selection, even if jurisdiction managers cannot observe consumers' preference types.

2 The Model

The model assumes that there are finite physical locations in the economy. The set of locations is denoted J , and its representative element is $j \in J$. These locations can be heterogeneous in climate or in geographical features. Each location j has some quantity land $L_j > 0$, i.e., each location has only a limited amount of land to utilize. There is one numeraire commodity which can be produced by labor at each location $j \in J$ with constant-returns-to-scale location-specific technology: that is, the amount of labor needed to produce

¹¹In Rothschild and Stiglitz (1976), there are low-risk and high-risk consumers, and insurance companies compete with each other via their insurance plans in a competitive market (with free entry). Insurance companies cannot distinguish consumer types, although they know the distribution of consumer types. They show that equilibrium may fail to exist: when high-risks and low-risks choose the same plan an insurance firm has an incentive to offer a plan that attracts only low-risks, whereas when two types choose different plans by self-selection, there may be a plan that attracts both.

¹²The Rothschild-Stiglitz equilibrium can be used for Rosen's hedonic price models in the same way without assuming a complete price system for all potential commodities.

one unit of numeraire commodity at location $j \in J$ is constant and is denoted α_j , which can be dependent on j . At location $j \in J$, prices of privately consumed goods — numeraire commodity, land, and leisure — are 1, r_j , and w_j , respectively. Given the constant returns to scale technology, $w_j\alpha_j = 1$. There is a finite number of possible public projects (see Mas-Colell, 1980). Public projects are discrete public goods such as schools, parks, and water supply systems, etc. The set of all public projects is denoted G , and its representative element is $g \in G$. Each public project $g \in G$ can be produced by $c(g)$ units of numeraire commodity. We assume $\emptyset \in G$ with $c(\emptyset) = 0$.

A type ω jurisdiction provides a public project and imposes a land tax (property tax) on its residents. Each jurisdiction ω is characterized by a list of its location $j_\omega \in J$, public project $g_\omega \in G$, total land size L_ω , and (specific) land tax t_ω . In addition, jurisdictions can impose zoning constraints (Hamilton 1975): i.e., the size of the land lot for each household must be more than or equal to ζ_ω : $z \geq \zeta_\omega$ (if no zoning constraint, $\zeta_\omega = 0$). Although zoning constraints are inequalities, in the equilibrium they will be binding, as we will see below (Figure 1). Thus, we will impose zoning constraints as equalities for brevity of explanation: that is, a resident of type ω jurisdiction must consume ζ_ω land. In the basic analysis, we assume that a zoning restriction $\zeta_\omega \in \mathbb{R}_+$ is placed in each jurisdiction ω . The total land size L_ω is determined by how many residents join the jurisdiction, and $L_\omega = \zeta_\omega n_\omega$ follows under zoning requirement ζ_ω , where n_ω is the number of households in a type ω jurisdiction. Thus, type ω jurisdiction is characterized by its policy list $\omega = (j_\omega, g_\omega, t_\omega, \zeta_\omega, n_\omega)$. The set of all possible policy lists is denoted $\Omega = J \times G \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \{1, \dots, \bar{n}\}$.

There is a finite number of types of consumers. The set of all types is denoted Θ , and its representative element is $\theta \in \Theta$. A type θ consumer has a location-specific utility function $u_j^\theta : \mathbb{R}_+ \times [0, \bar{\ell}_j^\theta] \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times G \times \mathbb{Z}_{++} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for each $j \in J$ such that $u_j^\theta(x, \ell, L, g, n)$ denotes type θ 's utility who lives in a jurisdiction at location j that provides public project g with n residents, consuming numeraire, land and labor supply by x , L and ℓ . We assume that *there is no spillover benefit of local public goods across jurisdiction borders*. Without this assumption, it is obvious that equilibrium efficiency is not attained without internalizing such externalities. Type θ consumer can spend at most $\bar{\ell}_j^\theta$ leisure hours at location j , where $\bar{\ell}_j^\theta > 0$ denotes type θ 's leisure endowment hours at location $j \in J$.¹³ We assume that u_j^θ is a continuous

¹³We allow leisure endowment hours to be dependent on a consumer's choice of residential

function. Type θ consumer is endowed with land vector $(\bar{L}_j^\theta)_{j \in J} \in \mathbb{R}_+^J$. That is, a consumer's utility depends on private goods consumption x , L , and ℓ , public project g , and the level of congestion n as well as her choice of location j itself. However, for empty public projects $g = \emptyset$, congestion is assumed to be irrelevant: $u_j^\theta(x, \ell, L, \emptyset, n) = u_j^\theta(x, \ell, L, \emptyset, n')$ for all $n, n' \in \mathbb{Z}_{++}$, and all $(x, \ell, L) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times [0, \bar{\ell}_j^\theta] \times \mathbb{R}_+$. Note that we assume that the crowding effect in public projects is anonymous; it does not depend on whom one shares a public project with. In a jurisdiction ω at location j , type θ 's budget constraint is denoted

$$x + (r_j + t_\omega)\zeta_\omega \leq w_j(\bar{\ell}_j^\theta - \ell) + \sum r_j \bar{L}_j^\theta,$$

where $L = \zeta_\omega$ if ω has a zoning restriction. Thus, type θ 's utility from choosing jurisdiction ω is

$$U^\theta(\omega; (w_j, r_j)_{j \in J}) \equiv \max_{x, \ell} u_j^\theta(x, \ell, z, g_\omega, n_\omega)$$

$$\text{subject to } x + (r_j + t_\omega)\zeta_\omega \leq w_j(\bar{\ell}_j^\theta - \ell) + \sum r_j \bar{L}_j^\theta \text{ and } z \geq \zeta_\omega$$

and thus, type θ 's jurisdiction choice correspondence is

$$\omega^*(\theta) \equiv \arg \max_{\omega \in \Omega^*} U^\theta(\omega),$$

where Ω^* denotes the set of available jurisdiction types. Each jurisdiction has a manager who maximizes its fiscal surplus, $t_\omega \zeta_\omega n_\omega - c(g_\omega)$ (tax revenue minus expenditure) by choosing a policy $(j_\omega, g_\omega, t_\omega, \zeta_\omega, n_\omega)$. The manager knows consumers' utility functions and other jurisdictions' policy choices, and chooses a profit-maximizing policy that is meant to attract consumers (for its residents, that jurisdiction policy gives the highest payoffs). This setup allows a jurisdiction manager to attract potential residents to her jurisdiction in order to raise fiscal surplus, instead of taking her resident profile as given.

We impose a few key assumptions from the papers that prove the existence and efficiency of equilibrium in nonspatial settings: Ellickson et al. (1999), and Allouch et al. (2004).

Large Population (LP). There is a continuum of consumers. The measure (population) of type θ consumer is denoted $m^\theta > 0$ and $\sum_{\theta \in \Theta} m^\theta = 1$.

location. This is so we can describe minutes spent in commuting as dependent on her choice of location.

This assumption is standard in local public goods economies in order to avoid integer problems that result in nonexistence of equilibrium. The next assumption is key for our result.

Finitely Populated Jurisdictions (FP). Each jurisdiction can have only a finite number of residents, and the number is bounded from above. That is $n_\omega \leq \bar{n}$.

Bewley (1981) made many critical comments on Tiebout's tale, but his negative results are partly the result of his not adopting this assumption. Whereas Bewley assumed that there is a finite number of jurisdictions in which a continuum of consumers reside, FP implies that there is a continuum of jurisdictions in which a finite number of consumers reside. Assuming finiteness of residents in each jurisdiction together with a continuum of consumers (and finite types) guarantees the dissolution of integer problems. Note that FP together with LP necessarily implies that there is a continuum of jurisdictions in the economy (Ellickson et al. 1999, and Allouch et al. 2004)).

FP has been formulated in various ways with various labels. However, the simplest way to state (for our purpose) is as above. Wooders (1980) was the first to introduce this assumption in a large finite economy. Kaneko and Wooders (1986) extended it in a continuum economy in order to dismiss a small-scale integer problem. The next technical assumption requires that the composition of a finite population aggregate nicely to a composition of a continuum of population, which is also introduced by Kaneko and Wooders (1986). The following definition suffices for our purposes.

Measurement Consistency (MC). Suppose that there are Lebesgue measure μ' of jurisdictions that have the same population composition $(n_\theta)_{\theta \in \Theta} \in \mathbb{Z}_+^{|\Theta|}$ (i.e., n_θ is the number of type θ consumers in each jurisdiction) in the economy. Then, the total population of type θ consumers who belong to those jurisdictions is $\mu' \times n_\theta$ for all $\theta \in \Theta$.

The equilibrium is described as follows. Since there will be a continuum of jurisdictions that use the same policies, we use ω to represent the policy of a jurisdiction $(j_\omega, g_\omega, t_\omega, \zeta_\omega, n_\omega)$ instead of a jurisdiction itself (there will be many jurisdictions that use the same policies). That is, we set $\omega = (j_\omega, g_\omega, t_\omega, \zeta_\omega, n_\omega)$, and Ω is the set of available policies.

We assume LP, FP, and MC throughout the paper.

Definition. A **Tiebout equilibrium with entrepreneurial jurisdictions** is a list of $((r_j^*, w_j^*)_{j \in J}, \Omega^*, (j_\omega, g_\omega, t_\omega, \zeta_\omega, n_\omega)_{\omega \in \Omega^*}, (m_\omega^\theta, x_\omega^\theta, \ell_\omega^\theta)_{\theta \in \Theta, \omega \in \Omega^*})$ such that

1. (Optimality of Private Consumption Choice)
For all $\omega \in \Omega^*$, and all $\theta \in \Theta$ with $m_\omega^\theta > 0$, $(x_\omega^\theta, \ell_\omega^\theta, \zeta_\omega) \in \arg \max_{x, \ell} u_{j_\omega}^\theta(x, \ell, z, g_\omega, n_\omega)$
s.t. $x + (r_{j_\omega}^* + t_\omega)z \leq w_{j_\omega}^*(\bar{\ell}_{j_\omega}^\theta - \ell) + \sum r_{j_\omega}^* \bar{L}_{j_\omega}^\theta$ and $z_\omega \geq \zeta_\omega$
2. (Optimality of Jurisdiction Choice)
For all $\omega \in \Omega^*$, and all $\theta \in \Theta$ with $m_\omega^\theta > 0$, we have
 $\omega \in \arg \max_{\omega' \in \Omega^*} U^\theta(\omega'; (r_j^*, w_j^*)_{j \in J})$
3. (Land Market Clearing)
 $\sum_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{\omega \in \Omega^*, j_\omega = j} m_\omega^\theta \zeta_\omega = \bar{L}_j$ for all $j \in J$
4. (Profit Maximization)
 $w_j^* = \frac{1}{\alpha_j}$ for all $j \in J$
5. (Numeraire Commodity Market Clearing)
 $\sum_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{\omega \in \Omega^*, j_\omega = j} m_\omega^\theta \alpha_j (\bar{\ell}_\omega^\theta - \ell_\omega^\theta) = \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{\omega \in \Omega^*} m_\omega^\theta x_\omega^\theta + \sum_{\omega \in \Omega^*} (\sum_{\theta \in \Theta} m_\omega^\theta) \frac{c(g_\omega)}{n_\omega}$
6. (Jurisdiction's Zero Profit Condition)
 $t_\omega \zeta_\omega n_\omega = c(g_\omega)$ for all $\omega \in \Omega^*$
7. (Exhausted Profit Opportunities by Entrepreneurial Jurisdictions)
For all $\omega \in \Omega \setminus \Omega^*$ with $t_\omega \zeta_\omega n_\omega > c(g_\omega)$, we have for all $\theta \in \Theta$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{\omega' \in \Omega^*} U^\theta(\omega') \\ & > \max_{x, \ell} u_{j_\omega}^\theta(x, \ell, \zeta_\omega, g_\omega, n_\omega) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad x + (r_{j_\omega}^* + t_\omega) \zeta_\omega \leq w_{j_\omega}^*(\bar{\ell}_{j_\omega}^\theta - \ell) + \sum r_{j_\omega}^* \bar{L}_{j_\omega}^\theta. \end{aligned}$$

The key to the above definition is that we distinguish between Ω^* (observable jurisdiction policies) and $\Omega \setminus \Omega^*$ (unobservable jurisdiction policies). Jurisdiction managers can easily observe how profitable a policy is as long as there is a jurisdiction that chooses that policy. However, if a policy is not chosen by any jurisdiction, a manager needs to estimate how profitable it would be by utilizing her information on consumers' utilities (in the manner of Rothschild and Stiglitz, 1976). This entrepreneurship is captured in equilibrium

condition 7. In contrast, if managers are passive, there can be many inefficient equilibria if no jurisdiction chooses potentially profitable policies that are not observable. As we discussed in the introduction, our equilibrium concept differs from those of Ellickson et al. (1999) and Allouch et al. (2004). We assume that there is no market for unobservable policies ($\omega \in \Omega \setminus \Omega^*$). Our condition 7 is similar to a condition in the equilibrium concept from Rothschild and Stiglitz (1976), and it preserves efficiency of equilibrium through entrepreneurship by jurisdiction managers. Wooders (1978) and Bewley (1981) have similar ideas, but instead of exhausting the possible policies proposable by jurisdiction managers, they consider a coalitional deviation constructed by a group of consumers. The main difference is that coalitional deviations are initiated by consumers, whereas profit opportunities are sought by jurisdiction managers who have information on the distribution of consumers' preference types.

The main result is stated below.

Theorem. There exists a Tiebout equilibrium with entrepreneurial jurisdictions, and it is Pareto efficient under the following assumptions about utility functions:

1. For all $\theta \in \Theta$, all $j \in J$, all $g \in G$, all $n \in N = \{1, \dots, \bar{n}\}$, $u_j^\theta(x, \ell, L, g, n)$ is continuous and strictly monotonic in (x, ℓ, L) ;
2. For all $\theta \in \Theta$, all $j \in J$, all $\ell_j \in [0, \bar{\ell}_j^\theta]$, all $L \in \mathbb{R}_+$, all $g \in G$, all $n \in N = \{1, \dots, \bar{n}\}$, $u_j^\theta(0, \ell, L, g, n) = \underline{u}^\theta \equiv \min_{(j', x', \ell', L', g', n')} u_{j'}^\theta(0, \ell', L', g', n')$ (essentiality of numeraire);¹⁴
3. For all $\theta \in \Theta$, all $j \in J$, all $g \in G$, and all $n \in \{1, \dots, \bar{n}\}$, $u_j^\theta(x, \ell, L, g, n)$ is strictly quasi-concave in (x, ℓ, L) .

3 Sketch of the Proof and Discussion

Although the formal proof is delegated to the appendix, we give a sketch of the proof and make remarks on some of its key arguments in this section. We

¹⁴See Mas-Colell (1977), Wooders (1978), and Ellickson (1979) for the spirit of this assumption.

prove the theorem with four propositions. We first define “Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes” and show that it exists and is efficient (Propositions 1 and 2). Then we show that that equilibrium is essentially equivalent to Tiebout equilibrium with entrepreneurial jurisdictions (Propositions 3 and 4).

First, suppose that jurisdictions’ tax policies are poll taxes instead of property taxes. Second, assume a complete price system and no zoning restrictions. Our proof of the theorem is indirect: We analyze the properties of equilibrium with poll taxes, and show that the equilibrium allocations are essentially equivalent between these two equilibrium concepts. The poll tax equilibrium is easier to deal with. Let each jurisdiction charge a poll tax $\tau = c(g)/n$ for a policy $\tilde{\omega} = (j_{\tilde{\omega}}, g_{\tilde{\omega}}, \tau_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}}) \in \tilde{\Omega} = J \times G \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \{1, \dots, \bar{n}\}$. Note that the jurisdiction policy space is now different ($\tilde{\Omega}$ instead of Ω : $\omega = (j_{\omega}, g_{\omega}, t_{\omega}, \zeta_{\omega}, n_{\omega}) \in \Omega$).

Definition. A **Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes** is a list of

$((r_j^*, w_j^*)_{j \in J}, (j_{\tilde{\omega}}, g_{\tilde{\omega}}, \tau_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}})_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}}, (m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \ell_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, z_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta})_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}})$ such that

1. (Optimality of Private Consumption Choice)
For all $\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}$, and all $\theta \in \Theta$,¹⁵ $(x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \ell_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, z_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}) \in \arg \max_{x, \ell, z} u_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^{\theta}(x, \ell, z, g_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}})$
s.t. $x + r_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^* z + \tau_{\tilde{\omega}} \leq w_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^* (\bar{\ell}_j^{\theta} - \ell) + \sum r_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^* \bar{L}_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^{\theta}$, and if the budget set is empty for θ , assign $(0, 0, 0)$ ¹⁶
2. (Optimality of Jurisdiction Choice)
For all $\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}$, and all $\theta \in \Theta$ with $m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} > 0$, we have
 $\tilde{\omega} \in \arg \max_{\tilde{\omega}' \in \tilde{\Omega}} \tilde{U}^{\theta}(\tilde{\omega}'; (r_j^*, w_j^*)_{j \in J}) = u_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^{\theta}(x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \ell_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, z_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, g_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}})$
3. (Land Market Clearing)
 $\sum_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}, j_{\tilde{\omega}}=j} m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} z_{\tilde{\omega}} = \bar{L}_j$ for all $j \in J$
4. (Profit Maximization)
 $w_j^* = \frac{1}{\alpha_j}$ for all $j \in J$
5. (Numeraire Commodity Market Clearing)
 $\sum_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}, j_{\tilde{\omega}}=j} m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} \alpha_j (\bar{\ell}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} - \ell_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}) = \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} + \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} (\sum_{\theta \in \Theta} m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}) \frac{c(g_{\tilde{\omega}})}{n_{\tilde{\omega}}}$

¹⁵Note that not all types live in type $\tilde{\omega}$ jurisdictions. For some type θ , $m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} = 0$ may be the case. For such type, $(x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \ell_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, z_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta})$ is irrelevant information. However, for convenience, we include these consumers’ optimal choices in the definition of equilibrium.

¹⁶This is just for convenience. Under assumption 2 in the theorem, $(0, 0, 0)$ would not be a consumer’s choice (see the proof of Proposition 1).

6. (Jurisdiction's Zero Profit Condition)

$$\tau_{\tilde{\omega}} n_{\tilde{\omega}} = c(g_{\tilde{\omega}}) \text{ for all } \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}.$$

Assuming a complete price system, that is, assuming there are prices for all possible $\tilde{\omega}$ s, we can find an equilibrium.¹⁷

Proposition 1. There exists a Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes under the following conditions:

1. For all $\theta \in \Theta$, all $j \in J$, all $g \in G$, all $n \in N = \{1, \dots, \bar{n}\}$, $u_j^\theta(x, \ell, L, g, n)$ is continuous and strictly monotonic in (x, ℓ, L) ;
2. For all $\theta \in \Theta$, all $j \in J$, all $\ell_j \in [0, \bar{\ell}_j^\theta]$, all $L \in \mathbb{R}_+$, all $g \in G$, all $n \in \{1, \dots, \bar{n}\}$, $u_j^\theta(0, \ell, L, g, n) = \underline{u}^\theta$ (essentiality of numeraire); and
3. For all $\theta \in \Theta$, all $j \in J$, all $g \in G$, and all $n = N \in \{1, \dots, \bar{n}\}$, $u_j^\theta(x, \ell, L, g, n)$ is strictly quasi-concave in (x, ℓ, L) .

The proof of Proposition 1 is basically along the lines of Ellickson et al. (1999), although ours is less technically involved since we use the distribution approach and assume strictly quasi-concave utility. However, adding space to the model complicates the problem. First of all, we need to formalize the consumption sets of consumers. The difficulty is that each consumer's *leisure (labor) endowment/consumption* and *land consumption* are dependent on and restricted by her location choice. That is, if a consumer chooses a type $\tilde{\omega}$ jurisdiction at location $j_{\tilde{\omega}} \in J$, her leisure endowment and her leisure and land consumption must be at location $j_{\tilde{\omega}}$. In contrast, land endowment is not affected by location choice. Further, $g_{\tilde{\omega}} \in G$ and $n_{\tilde{\omega}} \in \{1, \dots, \bar{n}\}$ can affect consumers' choices over private goods consumption. Under a complete market system, each consumer can choose any $\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}$. These issues are illustrated in the following formalization of the consumer's choice problem.

¹⁷Since we need to accommodate zoning aspects in the end, it is hard to dispense finite types of consumers. Given the finiteness of Θ , we can use Konishi's (1996) simple fixed point mapping.

If she chooses $\tilde{\omega}$, then type θ consumer's consumption bundle must lie in¹⁸

$$\begin{aligned}
X_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} \equiv & \underbrace{\mathbb{R}_+}_{\text{numeraire}} \times \underbrace{\{0\} \times \dots \times \{0\}}_{\text{leisure } 1, \dots, j_{\tilde{\omega}}-1} \times \underbrace{[0, \bar{\ell}_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^{\theta}]}_{\text{leisure } j_{\tilde{\omega}}} \times \underbrace{\{0\} \times \dots \times \{0\}}_{\text{leisure } j_{\tilde{\omega}}+1, \dots, J} \\
& \times \underbrace{\{0\} \times \dots \times \{0\}}_{\text{land } 1, \dots, j_{\tilde{\omega}}-1} \times \underbrace{\mathbb{R}_+}_{\text{land } j_{\tilde{\omega}}} \times \underbrace{\{0\} \times \dots \times \{0\}}_{\text{land } j_{\tilde{\omega}}+1, \dots, J} \\
& \times \underbrace{\{0\} \times \dots \times \{0\}}_{\text{type } 1, \dots, \tilde{\omega}-1} \times \underbrace{\{1\}}_{\text{type } \tilde{\omega}} \times \underbrace{\{0\} \times \dots \times \{0\}}_{\text{type } \tilde{\omega}+1, \dots, |\tilde{\Omega}|},
\end{aligned}$$

where the last line represents an index function dependent on choice of jurisdiction type. That is, a jurisdiction type needs to be chosen as a consumption good. Since choice of $\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}$ is a discrete choice, her consumption set is written as

$$X^{\theta} = \cup_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} X_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}.$$

Let $X = \mathbb{R}^{1+2J+|\tilde{\Omega}|}$ be such that $X^{\theta} \subset X$ for all $\theta \in \Theta$. With this setup, a typical element of consumption set $y \in X_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} \subset X^{\theta}$ (when she chooses jurisdiction type $\tilde{\omega}$) looks like

$$y = \left(\underbrace{x}_{\text{numeraire}} ; \underbrace{0, \dots, 0, \ell_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\text{th}}}, 0, \dots, 0}_{\text{leisure}} ; \underbrace{0, \dots, 0, L_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\text{th}}}, 0, \dots, 0}_{\text{land}} ; \underbrace{0, \dots, 0, 1_{\tilde{\omega}^{\text{th}}}, 0, \dots, 0}_{\text{public project}} \right).$$

Under a complete price system, a price vector is:

$$p = (1; (w_j)_{j \in J}; (r_j)_{j \in J}; (\tau_{\tilde{\omega}})_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}}) \in \mathbb{R}^{1+2J+|\tilde{\Omega}|}.$$

A type θ consumer's endowment when she chooses to live in location j is written as

$$e^{\theta}(j) = \left(\underbrace{0}_{\text{numeraire}} ; \underbrace{0, \dots, 0, \bar{\ell}_j^{\theta}, 0, \dots, 0}_{\text{leisure}} ; \underbrace{\bar{L}_1^{\theta}, \dots, \bar{L}_J^{\theta}}_{\text{land}} ; \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{\text{public project}} \right).$$

Thus, a type θ consumer's choice when she chooses location j is:

$$\max_{y \in \cup_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}=j} X_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}} u_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^{\theta}(proj_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}} y, g_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}}) \text{ subject to } p \cdot y \leq p \cdot e^{\theta}(j), \quad (*)$$

¹⁸Strictly speaking, it is not prohibited for a consumer to consume land in a location other than her residential location, but such land would be useless for her. Thus, we assume that she can consume land only at her residential location.

where $proj_{\tilde{\omega}} y = (proj_0 y, proj_{\ell_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}} y, proj_{L_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}} y) = (x, \ell, L)$.

One problem which arises in spatial models is that the value of a consumer's endowment depends on her location choice (see (*) above). This does not arise in defining consumer's choice problem, since she can compare the level of indirect utility at each location $j \in J$, and choose a location that attains the highest indirect utility. Thus, we can prove Proposition 1 in this setup. However, it does pose a problem for proving efficiency of equilibrium. The standard proof of the first welfare theorem relies on comparisons of values of consumption bundles/endowment. It is essential for the proof to have the same endowment values independent of consumers' location choices.

It turns out that this problem is not severe. We need only normalize her endowment to the origin so that the value of the endowment is always zero irrespective of her location choice. A consumption set with such a translation of the origin is called a trading set (McKenzie, 1959). Once this translation is done, the standard argument proves the first welfare theorem.¹⁹ When a type θ consumer chooses $\tilde{\omega}$, then her trading set is

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{X}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} \equiv & \underbrace{\mathbb{R}_+}_{\text{numeraire}} \times \underbrace{\{0\} \times \dots \times \{0\}}_{\text{leisure } 1, \dots, j_{\tilde{\omega}}-1} \times \underbrace{[-\bar{\ell}_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^{\theta}, 0]}_{\text{leisure } j_{\tilde{\omega}}} \times \underbrace{\{0\} \times \dots \times \{0\}}_{\text{leisure } j_{\tilde{\omega}}+1, \dots, J} \\ & \times \underbrace{\{-\bar{L}_1^{\theta}\} \times \dots \times \{-\bar{L}_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}-1}^{\theta}\}}_{\text{land } 1, \dots, j_{\tilde{\omega}}-1} \times \underbrace{[-\bar{L}_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^{\theta}, \infty)}_{\text{land } j_{\tilde{\omega}}} \times \underbrace{\{-\bar{L}_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}+1}^{\theta}\} \times \dots \times \{-\bar{L}_J^{\theta}\}}_{\text{land } j_{\tilde{\omega}}+1, \dots, J} \\ & \times \underbrace{\{0\} \times \dots \times \{0\}}_{\text{type } 1, \dots, \tilde{\omega}-1} \times \underbrace{\{1\}}_{\text{type } \tilde{\omega}} \times \underbrace{\{0\} \times \dots \times \{0\}}_{\text{type } \tilde{\omega}+1, \dots, |\tilde{\Omega}|}. \end{aligned}$$

Since choice of $\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}$ is discrete, her trading set is written as

$$\bar{X}^{\theta} = \cup_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} \bar{X}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}.$$

Utility function $u_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} : X_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is also translated to $\bar{u}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} : \bar{X}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ accordingly.

Proposition 2. Every Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes is Pareto efficient.

Next, we transform the poll taxes to pairs of policies: property taxes and zoning policies. First, note that for each Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes, we can construct another sorting Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes: that is,

¹⁹See Berliant and Konishi (2000). Note that trading set approach is effective in a job choice model as well.

in each jurisdiction there is only one type of consumer for almost all jurisdictions. This step is needed, since in a Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes, two different types of consumers may choose the same $\tilde{\omega}$. If this were the case, then in an equilibrium allocation these two different types may live together in the same jurisdictions while choosing two different amounts of land. Obviously, a zoning policy cannot support such an allocation. For a zoning policy to work, we need perfect homogeneity in demand for land in each jurisdiction. In order to do so, we need LP and FP. Under these assumptions, it is easy to see that there is always an equilibrium allocation in which each jurisdiction has a perfectly homogeneous population. If in a Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes, $m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} > 0$ and $m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta'} > 0$ hold, then we can let measure $m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}/n_{\tilde{\omega}}$ type $\tilde{\omega}$ jurisdictions have only type θ residents and measure $m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta'}/n_{\tilde{\omega}}$ type $\tilde{\omega}$ jurisdictions have only type θ' residents. We call such an equilibrium allocation a **sorting Tiebout equilibrium allocation with poll taxes**.²⁰ Now we can construct zoning policies. For each $\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}^*$, there is at least a $\theta \in \Theta$ with $m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} > 0$. For them, construct ω : i.e., a zoning policy $\zeta_{\omega} = z_{\omega}^{\theta}$ with $t_{\omega} = \tau_{\tilde{\omega}} = c(g_{\omega})/n_{\omega}\zeta_{\omega}$. This works as a Hamilton's zoning policy. The following two propositions establish the essential equivalence between Tiebout equilibrium with entrepreneurial jurisdictions and Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes.

Proposition 3. Every sorting Tiebout equilibrium allocation with poll taxes can be supported by a Tiebout equilibrium with entrepreneurial jurisdictions.

Proposition 4. Every Tiebout equilibrium allocation with entrepreneurial jurisdictions can be supported by a sorting Tiebout equilibrium allocation with poll taxes.

These propositions show the importance of Hamilton's zoning policies in two different ways: one is how to support an efficient allocation by (distortionary) property taxes, and the other is how to preserve anonymity of crowdings in order to avoid the free-rider problem in applying the Rothschild-Stiglitz equilibrium concept to our problem. The above construction of Hamilton's zoning policy shows that property tax is distortionary unless zoning policy

²⁰Strictly speaking, it may not be necessary to introduce different jurisdictions for all types. As Hamilton (1975) correctly points out, as long as two types θ and θ' consume the same amount of land at $\tilde{\omega}$, zoning policies can support mixed jurisdictions by these types.

is in place (MRS at the zoning land consumption level is not the same as $r_{j\omega}^* + t_\omega$).

[See Figure 1.]

If zoning policies are not in place, all consumers want to reduce their land consumption. Note that if a zoning policy is not binding, then entrepreneurial jurisdictions that put in place binding zoning policies can make profits by removing distortions. Hamilton’s zoning policy is essential in recovering efficiency of Tiebout equilibrium by eliminating distortions.²¹

Second, a zoning policy also works as a tool that prevents free-rider problems. Suppose that rich people prefer large land lots, while the poor can live with small lots. Then, if they live in the same jurisdiction, the rich will need to pay a lot in property taxes, while the poor can enjoy local public goods without paying much in property taxes. Thus, without zoning policies, a resident’s utility depends on the composition of the population of her jurisdiction: i.e., congestion is not anonymous. Pauly (1976) describes this problem as a “poor chasing the rich” situation. This is exactly the problem faced by the insurance market in Rothschild and Stiglitz (1976). High-risk and low-risk consumers correspond to the poor and the rich in our model, respectively. A zoning policy makes tax payments equal in the same jurisdiction (if the constraint binds), and congestions become anonymous in our local public goods economy. This greatly improves the performance of the Rothschild-Stiglitz equilibrium. Given anonymous congestion, consumers self-select to their most suited jurisdictions among the existing jurisdictions, as Tiebout (1956) says. Moreover, the equilibrium concept of Rothschild and Stiglitz (1976) captures jurisdiction managers’ entrepreneurship well, and in the equilibrium all potential profit opportunities by inventing a nonexisting jurisdiction type are exhausted.²² This key observation is summarized formally as follows.

Observation. In all Tiebout equilibria with entrepreneurial jurisdictions, $U^\theta(\omega; (r_j^*, w_j^*)_{j \in J}) = \max_{\{\omega' \in \Omega: t_\omega \zeta_\omega n_\omega \geq c(g_\omega)\}} U^\theta(\omega'; (r_j^*, w_j^*)_{j \in J})$ for all $\theta \in \Theta$ and all $\omega \in \Omega^*$ with $m_\omega^\theta > 0$.

²¹See Wheaton (1975). Wheaton (1975) says that Tiebout’s efficiency tale is incorrect since property taxes are distortionary.

²²In the definition of Tiebout equilibrium with entrepreneurial jurisdictions, this is captured by Condition 7. This condition replaces a complete price system in Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes without losing efficiency of equilibrium.

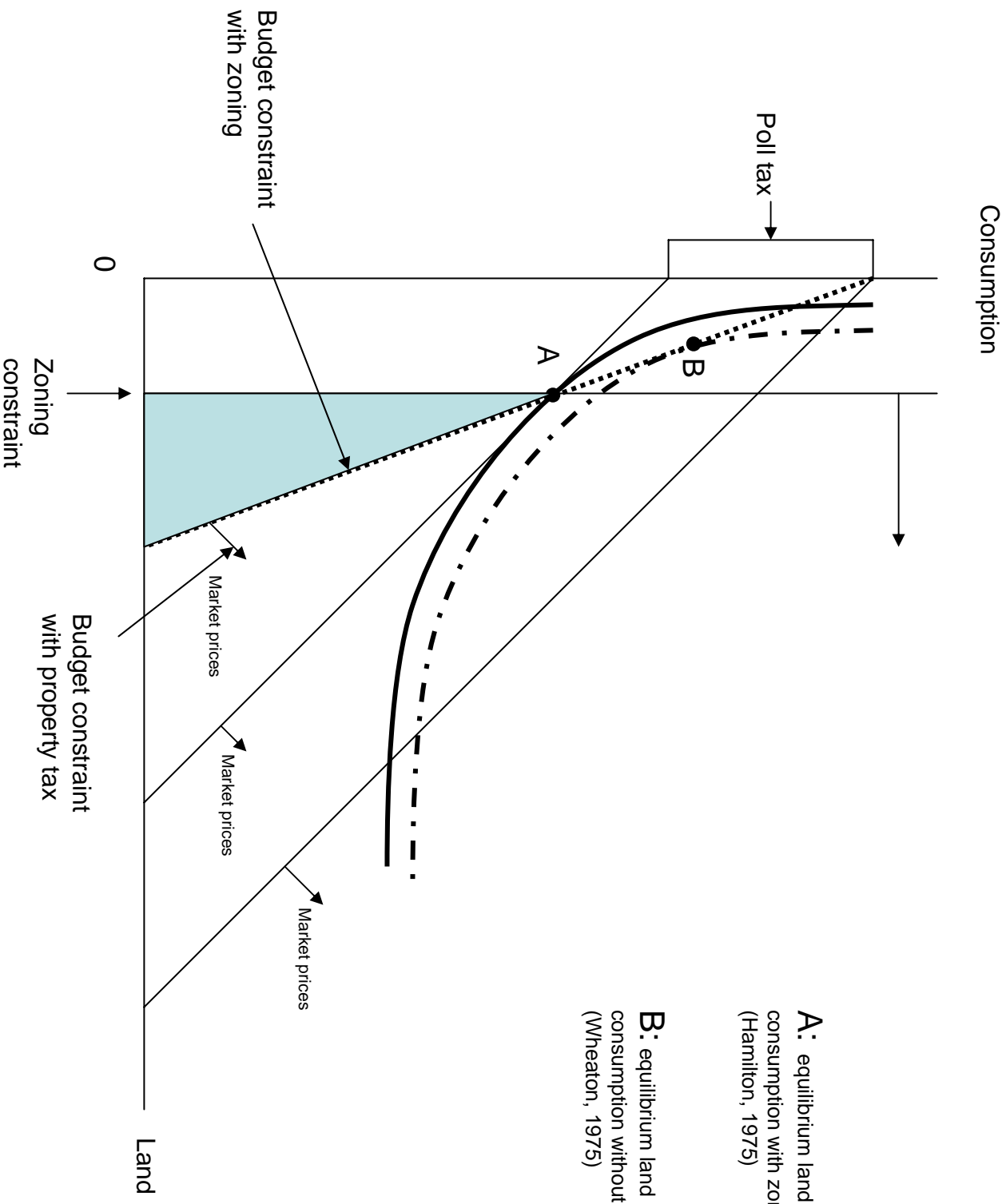


Figure 1

That is, if type θ consumers choose jurisdiction type ω in the equilibrium, then their utility levels are the highest among all possible (including nonexisting) jurisdiction types that satisfy budget-balancing conditions. This is how our Tiebout equilibrium with entrepreneurial jurisdictions achieves efficiency through managers' entrepreneurship and consumers' self-selections given anonymous congestions.

4 Concluding Remarks

We can relax the conditions in Theorem quite a bit. We do not need quasi-concavity of utility functions (convexity of preferences) in order to prove the existence of Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes (Proposition 1). Even without convexity, Liapnov's theorem recovers convex-valuedness of each type's average demand mapping (convex hull of individual demand); thus there is a fixed point anyway (see Hildenbrand 1974). The only thing is that each type θ of consumers may choose different consumption bundles even in the same jurisdiction type $\tilde{\omega}$. This causes a problem in proving the existence of a Tiebout equilibrium with entrepreneurial jurisdictions, since zoning policies need to mimic consumers' land consumption. Thus, there need to be as many jurisdiction types as there are different consumption bundles in equilibrium. This can be an infinite number. However, even without convexity of preferences, we can still show that there is a Tiebout equilibrium with entrepreneurial jurisdictions, in which there is only a finite number of types of jurisdictions. Carathéodry's theorem (Theorem 1.1.2. in Ichiishi 1983) says that we only need to select the number of the dimension of the individual demand set (here three) plus one element from the demand set to represent an element of average demand as a convex combination of them. That is, for each Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes, we can find another essentially equivalent Tiebout equilibrium with entrepreneurial jurisdictions with at most $4 \times \Theta \times \tilde{\Omega}$ jurisdiction types (zoning, tax, and public project policies).

Our theorem can be easily extended to more general setting with many private goods, general (CRS) production technologies, and many different occupations. Conley and Wooders (1996) consider occupation choice with an occupation-dependent crowding type, and show that equilibrium is efficient if occupation-dependent nonanonymous tax can be imposed. In contrast, since we do not assume that crowding is type-dependent, if we just allow that utility and wage depend on occupation choice then we do not need such occupation-

dependent taxes to attain efficiency.

Note that our theorem holds only in an idealized situation, since it requires that there be very many jurisdictions for each location, which is not very realistic. If there are limited numbers of jurisdictions in each location, then two problems can occur: Monopoly powers by jurisdictions, and insufficient choice sets provided by jurisdictions. Allowing free entry of new jurisdictions may sound reasonable in our setup, since it includes large numbers of negligibly small jurisdictions. However, in reality, unless there is unused land (or farm land or forest) in equilibrium,²³ the implicit assumption of free entry does not seem easily justifiable. At least, the locations near central business districts should not have plenty of unused land. Moreover, the model is static, so our theorem does not touch on how to rearrange jurisdiction borders when a new jurisdiction is set up, or how to ask the current residents to move from an existing jurisdiction that is not profitable.²⁴ Thus, there are more frictions in the presence of a spatial structure, and Tiebout's tale becomes harder to justify.

Despite the above cautious remark, our theorem may find another useful application in urban economics. We can directly apply our theorem to prove the existence and efficiency of a closed-economy monocentric city equilibrium with transport costs (in commuting time) when housing quality is endogenous as long as there is a finite number of rings of heterogeneous land (distinguished by the distance from the CBD).²⁵ Houses and condo buildings are easier to demolish and rebuild than jurisdictions, so it might be easier to justify the free entry assumption in this case. In monocentric city models, housing and land are used almost interchangeably. However, in our model, if we interpret g as a housing quality, we can let consumers choose their own housing qualities. Since multiple people can share the same g , we can deal with collective residential buildings (condos/apartments instead of houses). More formally, let us order locations j_0, j_1, \dots, j_K , and assume that production can be made only in the CBD location j_0 : i.e., $\alpha_j = \infty$ for $j \neq j_0$, while $\alpha_{j_0} < \infty$. As index k increases, the distance from the CBD increases. As a result, for all $\theta \in \Theta$, $\bar{\ell}_{j_0}^\theta > \bar{\ell}_{j_1}^\theta >$

²³Bewley (1981) and Bruckner (1981) have discussions on this matter.

²⁴Berliant (1985) analyzes a formulation of *parcel* land market. He proves that a continuum economy (continuum of consumers) is inconsistent with parcel land market. Berliant and Fujita (1992) look at equilibrium in a spatial economy with parcel land and finite population. We avoid difficulties by assuming *quantity* land instead.

²⁵See Fujita (1989) for many kinds of monocentric city models.

... $> \bar{\ell}_{j_K}^\theta$ (commuting time difference). If the geography is one-dimensional (linear city), then we may assume $\bar{L}_{j_k} = \bar{L}_{j_{k'}}$ for all $k, k' \in \{0, 1, \dots, K\}$. If it is two-dimensional, then we may assume $\bar{L}_{j_0} < \bar{L}_{j_1} < \dots < \bar{L}_{j_K}$. We interpret $\omega = (g_\omega, n_\omega) \in \Omega$ as a building that can be a house or a condo/apartment: g_ω is a type of building (say, high quality, low quality, with a swimming pool, or with a nicely landscaped garden, etc.) and if n_ω is the number of households living in the building (if $n_\omega = 1$ then it is a single household house, and n_ω is large it is an apartment complex). Our theorem says that there is an equilibrium sorting with various housing qualities including collective housing such as apartments.²⁶ Assuming that land at each location is physically the same and that land is a normal good, it is easy to see that land price goes down as index k increases, since choosing a smaller index location means more (potential) income for all $\theta \in \Theta$. However, other characteristics of equilibrium allocations requires further assumptions on consumers' preferences over Ω and distributions of their land endowments.²⁷

Actually, the "monocentric" assumption is not important for the existence and efficiency results. Even if a consumer can freely choose her locations of residence and work, our results are not affected. The only modification needed is that now we assume that each consumer (say type θ) chooses a pair of locations: her residential location and working location, $(j, j') \in J \times J$, and her leisure endowment for the choice is $\bar{\ell}_{jj'}^\theta$, since her commuting time depends on her residential and work locations (see concluding remarks in Konishi 1996).

Appendix

Here we collect all proofs of Propositions.

Proof of Proposition 1. Although we normalized the numeraire price at unity in the set up, we actually need to have a compact price set. So it is more convenient for us to use $J + 1$ dimensional price simplex $\Delta \equiv \{\tilde{p} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{J+1} : \sum_{j=0}^J \tilde{p}_j = 1\}$ (numeraire and land prices, where \tilde{p}_0 and \tilde{p}_j ($j \neq 0$) represent the numeraire price and land price at location j ,²⁸ respectively: wages and

²⁶Finiteness of locations may be dropped by applying La Fountain (2006). In order to show efficiency of equilibrium, we need to assume that there are no congestion externalities in commuting.

²⁷It may be interesting to analyze the relationship between housing quality and distance from the CBD.

²⁸Thus, $r_j = \tilde{p}_j / \tilde{p}_0$.

public project prices are tied up with the numeraire price by assumption²⁹) We need to show that the relative price of numeraire does not go to zero as well, but it is easily shown by considering a sequence of ϵ -truncated price simplices $\Delta(\epsilon) \equiv \{\tilde{p} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{J+1} : \sum_{j=0}^J \tilde{p}_j = 1 \text{ and } \tilde{p}_j \geq \epsilon\}$ ($\epsilon < \frac{1}{J+1}$), and taking the limit of a sequence of ϵ -equilibria (equilibria within ϵ -truncated price simplex) as ϵ approaches zero (with assumption 1). For simplicity, we omit this procedure.³⁰ With an abuse of notation, we let $\Delta = \Delta(\epsilon)$.

In order to make each consumer's consumption set compact, we truncate consumption sets by placing an upper bound on the numeraire and land consumption, and take a sequence of equilibria for increasing upper bounds. The limit will be shown to be an equilibrium allocation (see, e.g., Hildenbrand, 1972). For each θ and $\tilde{\omega}$, let $X_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta(k)$ be such that

$$X_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta(k) \equiv X_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta \cap [0, k]^{1+2J+|\tilde{\Omega}|}$$

and let $X^\theta(k) = \cup_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} X_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta(k)$, where $k = 1, 2, \dots$. Obviously, for each k , $X^\theta(k)$ is a compact set.

For each $\theta \in \Theta$, let $\beta_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta : \Delta \rightarrow X_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta(k)$ be type θ 's budget correspondence at $\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}$ such that³¹

$$\beta_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta(\tilde{p}) = \{(x, \ell, z) \in \text{proj}_{\tilde{\omega}} X_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta(k) : \tilde{p}_0 x + \tilde{p}_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}} z + \tau_{\tilde{\omega}} \leq \frac{\tilde{p}_0}{\alpha_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}} (\bar{\ell}_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^\theta - \ell) + \sum \tilde{p}_{j_{\tilde{\omega}'}} \bar{L}_{j_{\tilde{\omega}'}}^\theta\},$$

where $\tau_{\tilde{\omega}} = \tilde{p}_0 c(g_{\tilde{\omega}}) / n_{\tilde{\omega}}$ (condition 6). Although $\beta_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta k}$ is compact-valued, it can be empty-valued for some \tilde{p} s due to a poll tax $\tau_{\tilde{\omega}}$. Under such \tilde{p} s, type θ consumer cannot live in jurisdiction $\tilde{\omega}$. In order to overcome this emptiness problem, let $\Delta_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta \equiv \{\tilde{p} \in \Delta : \tau_{\tilde{\omega}} < \frac{\tilde{p}_0}{\alpha_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}} (\bar{\ell}_j^\theta - \ell) + \sum \tilde{p}_{j_{\tilde{\omega}'}} \bar{L}_{j_{\tilde{\omega}'}}^\theta\}$ be the set of price vectors in which type θ consumer's budget set at $\tilde{\omega}$ has a cheaper point. Note that $\Delta_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta$ is open relative to Δ . Let $\delta_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta : \Delta_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \times [0, \bar{\ell}_j^\theta] \times \mathbb{R}_+$ be type θ 's demand correspondence when she is forced to choose $\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}$ such that

$$\delta_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta(\tilde{p}) = \{(x, \ell, z) \in \beta_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta(\tilde{p}) : u_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^\theta(x, \ell, z, g_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}}) \geq u_{j_{\tilde{\omega}'}}^\theta(x', \ell', z', g_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}}) \forall (x', \ell', z') \in \beta_{\tilde{\omega}'}^\theta(\tilde{p})\}.$$

²⁹It is easy to endogenize wages and public project prices using flexible production technologies.

³⁰The procedure of taking a limit is routine (for a spatial economy, see Konishi 1996, Lemma 3).

³¹Although correspondence $\beta_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta$ is dependent on k , we omit k to simplify the notation. The same comment applies to $\delta_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta$, \tilde{U}^θ and others.

By Weierstrass's theorem and Berge's maximum theorem, $\delta_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}$ is nonempty-valued and upper hemicontinuous. Moreover, strict quasi-concavity guarantees single-valuedness. That is, $\delta_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}$ is a continuous function.

Now, we will move towards consumers' jurisdiction choice mapping. One obstacle we need to overcome is how to extend the domain of the above demand correspondence to Δ without affecting the consumers' actual choice correspondence. Let $\bar{\delta}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} : \Delta \rightarrow X_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}(k)$ be such that

$$\bar{\delta}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}(\tilde{p}) = \begin{cases} \delta_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}(\tilde{p}) & \text{if } \tilde{p} \in \Delta_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \\ 0 & \text{if } \tilde{p} \notin \Delta_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}. \end{cases}$$

This is again a continuous function.³² Note that Assumption 2 says that type θ consumers get \underline{u}^{θ} in the latter case. For each $\tilde{p} \in \Delta_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}$, let $\tilde{U}^{\theta}(\tilde{\omega}; \tilde{p}) \equiv u_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^{\theta}(\bar{\delta}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}(\tilde{p}))$. This is a continuous function. Now, we can construct type θ consumer's jurisdiction choice mapping. Let $\lambda^{\theta} : \Delta \rightarrow \tilde{\Omega}$ be such that $\lambda^{\theta}(\tilde{p}) = \{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega} : \tilde{U}^{\theta}(\tilde{\omega}; \tilde{p}) = \max \tilde{U}^{\theta}(\tilde{\omega}'; \tilde{p})\}$. By Berge's maximum theorem, λ^{θ} is an upper hemicontinuous correspondence. Since we allow $\emptyset \in G$ (no public project) with $c(\emptyset) = 0$, as long as the price of numeraire is positive, there is an $\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}$ with $\Delta_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} = \Delta$ for $g_{\tilde{\omega}} = \emptyset$ (denote $\tilde{\omega}_{\emptyset}$). Thus, for all $\tilde{p} \in \Delta$, and all $\theta \in \Theta$, for $\tilde{\omega}_{\emptyset} \in \tilde{\Omega}$ there is a cheaper point in her budget constraint. Thus, $\tilde{U}^{\theta}(\tilde{\omega}_{\emptyset}; \tilde{p}) > \underline{u}^{\theta}$ for all $\tilde{p} \in \Delta$ by assumptions 1 and 2. This assures that for all price vectors $\tilde{p} \in \Delta$, each type θ obtains a utility strictly higher than \underline{u}^{θ} , which makes type θ consumers' choices under $\tilde{p} \notin \Delta_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}$ (and extension parts of $\bar{\delta}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}$) irrelevant. That is, if $\tilde{\omega} \in \lambda^{\theta}(\tilde{p})$ then $\tilde{p} \in \Delta_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}$. Since type θ consumers are indifferent among $\lambda^{\theta}(\tilde{p})$, their optimal location choices generate a population distribution defined by the following population mapping: $\mu^{\theta} : \Delta \rightarrow M^{\theta}$, where $M^{\theta} = \{(m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta})_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} \in \mathbb{R}_{+}^{\tilde{\Omega}} : \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} = m^{\theta}\}$, such that

$$\mu^{\theta}(\tilde{p}) = \{(m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta})_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} \in M^{\theta} : m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} > 0 \text{ only if } \tilde{\omega} \in \lambda^{\theta}(\tilde{p})\}.$$

It is easy to see that μ^{θ} is upper hemicontinuous and convex-valued. Let $\mu : \Delta \rightarrow \Pi_{\theta \in \Theta} M^{\theta}$ be such that $\mu(\tilde{p}) \equiv \Pi_{\theta \in \Theta} \mu^{\theta}(\tilde{p})$ for all $\tilde{p} \in \Delta$.

Next, we move on to excess demand correspondence (in the numeraire and land markets). First, let the feasible excess demand set under the population

³²As long as the price vector is positive, the budget constraint at $\tilde{\omega}$ shrinks to the origin around the boundary of $\Delta_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}$, so $\bar{\delta}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}$ is a continuous function.

distribution $m = (m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta})_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} \in \prod_{\theta \in \Theta} M^{\theta}$ be:

$$\begin{aligned}
F(m) &\equiv \{ \{(f_0, f_1, \dots, f_J) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^J : \\
f_0 &= \sum_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} - \sum_{j \in J} \frac{1}{\alpha_j} \times \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}, j_{\tilde{\omega}} = j} m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} (\bar{\ell}_j^{\theta} - \ell_j^{\theta}) - \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} \times \frac{c(g_{\tilde{\omega}})}{n_{\tilde{\omega}}}, \\
\text{and } f_j &= \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}, j_{\tilde{\omega}} = j} m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} z_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} - \bar{L}_j \text{ for all } j \in J \\
&\text{for a vector } (x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \ell_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, z_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta})_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} \text{ that is consistent with } X_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}(k) \text{ for all } \theta \text{ and } \tilde{\omega} \}.
\end{aligned}$$

Let $F \equiv co(\cup_{m \in \prod_{\theta \in \Theta} M^{\theta}} F(m))$, where $co(\cdot)$ denotes a convex hull of \cdot . For excess demand correspondence: Let $\psi : \prod_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} X_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}(k) \times \prod_{\theta \in \Theta} M^{\theta} \rightarrow F$ be such that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\psi_0((x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \ell_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, z_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta})_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}}) \\
&= \sum_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} - \sum_{j \in J} \frac{1}{\alpha_j} \times \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}, j_{\tilde{\omega}} = j} m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} (\bar{\ell}_j^{\theta} - \ell_j^{\theta}) - \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} \times \frac{c(g_{\tilde{\omega}})}{n_{\tilde{\omega}}},
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
&\psi_j((x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \ell_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, z_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta})_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}}) \\
&= \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}, j_{\tilde{\omega}} = j} m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} z_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} - \bar{L}_j \text{ for all } j \in J.
\end{aligned}$$

It is clear that ψ is a continuous function. Finally, we define a price mapping based on Gale-Nikaido's lemma. Let $\pi : F \rightarrow \Delta$ be such that

$$\pi(f) = \{ \tilde{p} \in \Delta : \tilde{p} \cdot f \geq \tilde{p}' \cdot f \text{ for all } \tilde{p}' \in \Delta \}.$$

It is clear that π is nonempty-valued, upper hemicontinuous, and convex-valued.

Our fixed point mapping is

$$\xi : \Delta \times \prod_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} X_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}(k) \times \prod_{\theta \in \Theta} M^{\theta} \times F \rightarrow \Delta \times \prod_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} X_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}(k) \times \prod_{\theta \in \Theta} M^{\theta} \times F$$

which is a Cartesian product of

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi & : F \twoheadrightarrow \Delta, \\
\bar{\delta} & : \Delta \twoheadrightarrow \prod_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} X_{\omega}^{\theta}(k), \\
\mu & : \Delta \twoheadrightarrow \prod_{\theta \in \Theta} M^{\theta}, \\
\psi & : \prod_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} X_{\omega}^{\theta}(k) \times \prod_{\theta \in \Theta} M^{\theta} \twoheadrightarrow F.
\end{aligned}$$

By construction, we know that Δ , $X_{\omega}^{\theta}(k)$, M^{θ} and F are nonempty, compact, convex sets, and from our analysis, we also know that π , $\bar{\delta}$, μ and ψ are all nonempty-valued, upper hemicontinuous, and convex-valued correspondences. Thus, we can apply the Kakutani fixed point theorem, and there exists a fixed point

$$(\tilde{p}, (x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \ell_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, z_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta})_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}}, f) \in \xi(\tilde{p}, (x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \ell_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, z_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta})_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}}, f).$$

The Gale-Nikaido's lemma (see Debreu, 1959) proves the clearance of markets (conditions 3 and 5: 4 is already built in). Conditions 1 and 2 follow from the constructions of $\bar{\delta}$ and μ . Condition 6 has been built in to the analysis. Thus, all conditions hold assuming that $x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} \in X_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}(k)$ is indeed optimal choice (at $\tilde{\omega}$) for nontruncated consumption set $X_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}$. But this assumption does not necessarily hold. Thus, we take k to infinity, and construct a sequence of fixed points of ξ . In the space of aggregated consumption, this sequence converges, and we can find an equilibrium (see Konishi, 1996). Finally, we take ϵ to zero, and show that in equilibrium numeraire has a positive price ($\tilde{p}_0 > 0$) thus, we can use another normalization $p_0 = 1$ as is done in the main text.³³ ■

Proof of Proposition 2. We will focus on “equal-treatment” allocations within the same types and the same locations: that is, all consumers of the same type and the same location choice are assigned to the same consumption bundle (the same element in the trading set). Since we are assuming a quasi-concave utility function, if there is a Pareto-superior unequal-treatment allocation over an equilibrium allocation, then there is another equal-treatment allocation that is also Pareto-superior to the same equilibrium allocation. Hence,

³³At some locations, land price may become zero (measure zero consumers reside). Our assumptions do not prevent this from happening. Assumption 2 does not exclude the following situation: at a location, consumers' utilities are bounded above (by unattractiveness of the location), and in equilibrium, nobody resides at the location despite free land.

we can focus on equal-treatment allocations.³⁴ An (equal treatment) **allocation in trading sets** is a list $(m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta})_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}}$ such that $\bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} \in \bar{X}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}$ for all $\theta \in \Theta$ and all $\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}$. Let $proj_L \bar{y} = (\bar{y}_{L_j})_{j \in J}$, $proj_{\ell_j} \bar{y} = \bar{y}_{\ell_j}$ and $proj_x \bar{y} = \bar{y}_x$ for $\bar{y} \in \cup_{\theta \in \Theta} \bar{X}^{\theta}$. A **feasible allocation in trading sets** is an allocation in trading sets $(m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta})_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}}$ that satisfies:

- (i) $\sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} proj_L \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} \leq 0$, and
- (ii) $\sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} proj_x \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} + \sum_{j \in J} \frac{1}{\alpha_j} \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}, j_{\tilde{\omega}}=j} \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} proj_{\ell_j} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} + \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} \frac{c(g_{\tilde{\omega}})}{n_{\tilde{\omega}}} \leq 0$.

A feasible allocation in trading sets $(m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta})_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}}$ satisfies **strict equal-treatment** if for all $\theta \in \Theta$ and all $\tilde{\omega}, \tilde{\omega}' \in \tilde{\Omega}$ with $m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} > 0$ and $m_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta} > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \bar{u}^{\theta}(proj_x \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta}, proj_{\ell_{j_{\tilde{\omega}'}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta}, proj_{L_{j_{\tilde{\omega}'}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta}, g_{\tilde{\omega}'}, n_{\tilde{\omega}'}) \\ &= \bar{u}^{\theta}(proj_x \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, proj_{\ell_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, proj_{L_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, g_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}}). \end{aligned}$$

Strict equal-treatment requires that as long as two consumers have the same type, their utilities need to be the same irrespective of their jurisdiction choices. *Note that all allocations of Tiebout equilibria with poll taxes satisfy equal-treatment.*

A feasible allocation in trading sets $(m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta})_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}}$ with equal-treatment is **Pareto efficient** if there is no feasible allocation in trading sets $(m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta'}, \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta'})_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}}$ such that

- (i) for all $\theta \in \Theta$, all $\tilde{\omega}, \tilde{\omega}' \in \tilde{\Omega}$ with $m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} > 0$ and $m_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta'} > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \bar{u}^{\theta}(proj_x \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta'}, proj_{\ell_{j_{\tilde{\omega}'}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta'}, proj_{L_{j_{\tilde{\omega}'}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta'}, g_{\tilde{\omega}'}, n_{\tilde{\omega}'}) \\ & \geq \bar{u}^{\theta}(proj_x \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, proj_{\ell_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, proj_{L_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, g_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}}) \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) for some $\tilde{\omega}, \tilde{\omega}' \in \tilde{\Omega}$ with $m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} > 0$ and $m_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta'} > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \bar{u}^{\theta}(proj_x \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta'}, proj_{\ell_{j_{\tilde{\omega}'}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta'}, proj_{L_{j_{\tilde{\omega}'}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta'}, g_{\tilde{\omega}'}, n_{\tilde{\omega}'}) \\ & > \bar{u}^{\theta}(proj_x \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, proj_{\ell_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, proj_{L_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, g_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}}). \end{aligned}$$

³⁴The quasi-concavity of the utility function is actually not necessary. This assumption is placed only to make the argument simple and elementary. We can use Aumann's (1964) measure theoretical general equilibrium to show the same result without quasi-concavity (see Hildenbrand, 1974). The key to proving the first welfare theorem in a spatial environment is in using McKenzie's trading sets.

By using the above representation in trading sets, a Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes can be represented in the following way. Let $p \in \mathbb{R}_+^{1+2J+|\tilde{\Omega}|}$ be such that

$$p = \left(1, \left(\frac{1}{\alpha_j} \right)_{j \in J}, (r_j)_{j \in J}, \left(\frac{c(g_{\tilde{\omega}})}{n_{\tilde{\omega}}} \right)_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} \right).$$

Note that the definition of p includes zero profit conditions by jurisdictions, and profit maximizing firms (Conditions 4 and 6). Feasibility requires Conditions 3 and 5. Thus, what is left is utility maximization by consumers (Conditions 1 and 2), and the following lemma is a straightforward consequence.

Lemma. A Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes can be represented as a list of a price vector and a feasible allocation in trading sets $(p^*, (m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta})_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}})$ such that $\bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} \in \arg \max_{y \in \bar{\beta}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}(p^*)} \bar{u}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}(proj_x y, proj_{\ell_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}} y, proj_{L_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}} y, g_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}})$ holds for $\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}$ with $m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} > 0$, where $\bar{\beta}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}(p^*) = \{y \in \bar{X}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} : p^* \cdot y \leq 0\}$.

With this representation, we can prove the first welfare theorem. Let $(p^*, (m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta*}, \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta*})_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}})$ be a Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes. Suppose that there exists a feasible allocation in trading sets $(m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta'}, \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta'})_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}}$ such that

- (i) for all $\theta \in \Theta$, all $\tilde{\omega}, \tilde{\omega}' \in \tilde{\Omega}$ with $m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta*} > 0$ and $m_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta'} > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \bar{u}^{\theta}(proj_x \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta'}, proj_{\ell_{j_{\tilde{\omega}'}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta'}, proj_{L_{j_{\tilde{\omega}'}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta'}, g_{\tilde{\omega}'}, n_{\tilde{\omega}'}) \\ & \geq \bar{u}^{\theta}(proj_x \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta*}, proj_{\ell_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta*}, proj_{L_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta*}, g_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}}); \end{aligned}$$

and

- (ii) for some $\tilde{\omega}, \tilde{\omega}' \in \tilde{\Omega}$ with $m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta*} > 0$ and $m_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta'} > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \bar{u}^{\theta}(proj_x \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta'}, proj_{\ell_{j_{\tilde{\omega}'}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta'}, proj_{L_{j_{\tilde{\omega}'}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta'}, g_{\tilde{\omega}'}, n_{\tilde{\omega}'}) \\ & > \bar{u}^{\theta}(proj_x \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta*}, proj_{\ell_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta*}, proj_{L_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}} \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta*}, g_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}}). \end{aligned}$$

Since utility functions are monotonic, consumers' budget constraints are binding in utility maximization under a Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes. Thus, by (i) $p^* \cdot \bar{y}_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta'} \geq 0$ for all $\theta \in \Theta$ and all $\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}$ with $m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta'} > 0$, and by (ii)

$p^* \cdot \bar{y}_\omega^{\theta'} > 0$ for all $\theta \in \Theta$ and all $\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}$ with $m_\omega^{\theta'} > 0$. Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} m_\omega^{\theta'} \text{proj}_x \bar{y}_\omega^{\theta'} + \sum_{j \in J} \frac{1}{\alpha_j} \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}, j_\omega = j} \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} m_\omega^{\theta'} \text{proj}_{\ell_j} \bar{y}_\omega^{\theta'} \\ & + \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} m_\omega^{\theta'} \frac{c(g_\omega)}{n_\omega} + \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} m_\omega^{\theta'} (r \cdot \text{proj}_L \bar{y}_\omega^{\theta'}) \\ & > 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $r = (r_j)_{j \in J}$. Since the price of numeraire is positive, and all land prices are nonnegative, we have either

$$\sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} m_\omega^{\theta'} \text{proj}_x \bar{y}_\omega^{\theta'} + \sum_{j \in J} \frac{1}{\alpha_j} \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}, j_\omega = j} \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} m_\omega^{\theta'} \text{proj}_{\ell_j} \bar{y}_\omega^{\theta'} + \sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}} \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} m_\omega^{\theta'} \frac{c(g_\omega)}{n_\omega} > 0,$$

or

$$\sum_{\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}, j_\omega = j_\omega} \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} m_\omega^{\theta'} r_j \text{proj}_{L_j} \bar{y}_\omega^{\theta'} > 0 \quad \text{for some } j \in J.$$

In the former case, there is excess demand for numeraire, and in the latter case, at least in one location there is excess demand for land. Thus, $(m_\omega^{\theta'}, \bar{y}_\omega^{\theta'})_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}}$ is infeasible. This is a contradiction. Thus, $(m_\omega^{\theta*}, \bar{y}_\omega^{\theta*})_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}}$ is Pareto optimal. ■

Proof of Proposition 3. For each $\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}$ and for each $\theta \in \Theta$, we will construct $\omega \in \Omega$. Let $(j_\omega, g_\omega, n_\omega) = (j_{\tilde{\omega}}, g_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}})$ and $t_\omega \equiv \frac{\tau_{\tilde{\omega}}}{n_{\tilde{\omega}} z_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta}$, and $\zeta_\omega \equiv z_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta$. Collecting all these types of jurisdictions, we can construct set $\bar{\Omega}$. Let $\Omega^* \equiv \{\omega \in \bar{\Omega} : m_\omega^\theta > 0\}$. First, it is easy to see that if a type θ consumer lives in a type ω jurisdiction (constructed by $\tilde{\omega}$ and θ), then she chooses to consume $(x_\omega^\theta, \ell_\omega^\theta, \zeta_\omega) = (x_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta, \ell_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta, z_{\tilde{\omega}}^\theta)$. Her budget constraint under the zoning constraint is

$$x + (r_{j_\omega}^* + t_\omega)z \leq w_{j_\omega}^* (\bar{\ell}_j^\theta - \ell) + \sum r_{j_\omega}^* \bar{L}_{j_\omega}^\theta \quad \text{and } z_\omega \geq \zeta_\omega,$$

and her budget constraint in the Tiebout equilibrium under poll taxes is

$$x + r_{j_\omega}^* z + \tau_{\tilde{\omega}} \leq w_{j_\omega}^* (\bar{\ell}_j^\theta - \ell) + \sum r_{j_\omega}^* \bar{L}_{j_\omega}^\theta.$$

Since land price is distorted and more expensive under property taxes, the budget constraint under zoning is a subset of the budget constraint under poll

taxes (see Figure 1). Since her optimal choice under poll taxes is $(x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \ell_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, z_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}) = (x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \ell_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \zeta_{\omega})$ under the larger budget set, and since $(x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \ell_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \zeta_{\omega})$ is available under the zoning constraint, her optimal choice under the zoning constraint is $(x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \ell_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \zeta_{\omega})$ as well.³⁵ Now, given this, it is easy to see that each type is optimizing her jurisdiction choice.

What is left is condition 7. Suppose that there is a policy $\omega \in \Omega \setminus \Omega^*$ with $t_{\omega} \zeta_{\omega} n_{\omega} > c(g_{\omega})$. Suppose that there is a type $\theta \in \Theta$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{\omega' \in \Omega^*} U^{\theta}(\omega') \\ & \leq \max_{x, \ell} u_{j_{\omega}}^{\theta}(x, \ell, \zeta_{\omega}, g_{\omega}, n_{\omega}) \quad s.t. \quad x + (r_{j_{\omega}}^* + t_{\omega}) \zeta_{\omega} \leq w_{j_{\omega}}^* (\bar{\ell}_j^{\theta} - \ell) + \sum r_{j_{\omega}}^* \bar{L}_{j_{\omega}}^{\theta}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that there exists $\tau_{\omega} = t_{\omega} \zeta_{\omega}$ such that $\tau_{\omega} n_{\omega} > c(g_{\omega})$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{\omega' \in \Omega^*} U^{\theta}(\omega') \\ & \leq \max_{x, \ell, z} u_{j_{\omega}}^{\theta}(x, \ell, z, g_{\omega}, n_{\omega}) \quad s.t. \quad x + r_{j_{\omega}}^* z + \tau_{\omega} \leq w_{j_{\omega}}^* (\bar{\ell}_j^{\theta} - \ell) + \sum r_{j_{\omega}}^* \bar{L}_{j_{\omega}}^{\theta}. \end{aligned}$$

However, ω corresponds to one of $\tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}$, and reducing τ_{ω} improves consumers' utility. Thus, this contradicts with the optimality of jurisdiction choice in the definition of Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes. ■

Proof of Proposition 4. With $(r_j^*, w_j^*)_{j \in J}$, and allocation for $\omega \in \Omega^*$ and θ with $m_{\omega}^{\theta} > 0$, it is easy to construct the rest of the allocations $(m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \ell_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, z_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta})_{\theta \in \Theta, \tilde{\omega} \in \tilde{\Omega}}$ for $m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} = 0$ (use condition 1 if the budget set is nonempty for θ in $\tilde{\omega}$: otherwise, assign $(0, 0, 0)$). We show that this allocation is a Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes.

Suppose that condition 1 of the Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes is violated. Then, the same must be true for $\tilde{\omega}$ that corresponds to $\omega \in \Omega^*$ for $m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} > 0$. Let $(x, \ell, z) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times [0, \bar{\ell}_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^{\theta}] \times \mathbb{R}_+$ be such that

$$u_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^{\theta}(x, \ell, z, g_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}}) > u_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^{\theta}(x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \ell_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, z_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, g_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}}) \quad \text{and} \quad x + r_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^* z + \tau_{\tilde{\omega}} \leq w_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^* (\bar{\ell}_j^{\theta} - \ell) + \sum r_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^* \bar{L}_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^{\theta}.$$

This means that there exist $\tau' > \tau_{\tilde{\omega}}$ and $(x', \ell', z') \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times [0, \bar{\ell}_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^{\theta}] \times \mathbb{R}_+$ with

$$(x', \ell', z') = \arg \max u_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^{\theta}(x, \ell, z, g_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}}) \quad s.t. \quad x' + r_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^* z' + \tau' \leq w_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^* (\bar{\ell}_j^{\theta} - \ell') + \sum r_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^* \bar{L}_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^{\theta}$$

³⁵If zoning were not placed, she would have wanted to consume less land, but zoning constraint does not allow this (see Figure 1).

$$u_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^{\theta}(x', \ell', z', g_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}}) \geq u_{j_{\omega}}^{\theta}(x_{\omega}^{\theta}, \ell_{\omega}^{\theta}, \zeta_{\omega}, g_{\omega}, n_{\omega}).$$

Since $\tau_{\omega} = c(\omega)/n_{\omega}$, by letting $(j_{\omega'}, g_{\omega'}, t_{\omega'}, \zeta_{\omega'}, n_{\omega'}) = (j_{\omega}, g_{\omega}, \frac{\tau_{\omega}}{z'}, z', n_{\omega})$, we get

$$u_{j_{\omega'}}^{\theta}(x', \ell', \zeta_{\omega'}, g_{\omega'}, n_{\omega'}) \geq u_{j_{\omega}}^{\theta}(x_{\omega}^{\theta}, \ell_{\omega}^{\theta}, \zeta_{\omega}, g_{\omega}, n_{\omega}),$$

and

$$x' + (r_{j_{\omega'}}^* + t_{\omega'})\zeta_{\omega'} + \tau' \leq w_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^*(\bar{\ell}_j^{\theta} - \ell') + \sum r_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^* \bar{L}_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^{\theta}.$$

This means that Condition 7 of the Tiebout equilibrium with entrepreneurial jurisdictions is violated, which is a contradiction. Thus, Condition 1 of the Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes is satisfied.

Suppose that Condition 2 is violated. Then for some θ and some $\tilde{\omega}$ with $m_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta} > 0$, there is a jurisdiction $\tilde{\omega}'$ with $m_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta} = 0$ (otherwise, Condition 2 of the Tiebout equilibrium with entrepreneurial jurisdictions is violated) and

$$u_{j_{\tilde{\omega}'}}^{\theta}(x_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta}, \ell_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta}, z_{\tilde{\omega}'}^{\theta}, g_{\tilde{\omega}'}, n_{\tilde{\omega}'}) > u_{j_{\tilde{\omega}}}^{\theta}(x_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, \ell_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, z_{\tilde{\omega}}^{\theta}, g_{\tilde{\omega}}, n_{\tilde{\omega}}).$$

However, if so, we can slightly raise $\tau' > \tau_{\tilde{\omega}}$ and reduce the consumption vector without altering the above inequality. Then, we can construct a property tax and zoning policy that mimic such an allocation. Thus, Condition 7 of the Tiebout equilibrium with entrepreneurial jurisdictions is violated, and we reach a contradiction again.

Conditions 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Tiebout equilibrium with poll taxes follow directly. ■

Proof of Theorem. Propositions 1, 2, 3, and 4 together prove the statement of the theorem. ■

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