

Sixty-second  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2048**

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Taxation Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 40-58-20 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to exclusion of renaissance zone property from tax increment financing  
3 districts; and to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 40-63-03 of the North Dakota  
4 Century Code, relating to exclusion of tax increment financing district property from renaissance  
5 zones.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

7 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 40-58-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
8 created and enacted as follows:

9 A lot or parcel of property may not be included in a development or renewal plan  
10 approved after July 31, 2011, for tax increment financing purposes if that lot or parcel  
11 of property is part of a renaissance zone under chapter 40-63.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 40-63-03 of the North Dakota Century  
13 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 14 1. A city may apply to the department of commerce division of community services to  
15 designate a portion of that city as a renaissance zone if the following criteria are met:
- 16 a. The geographic area proposed for the renaissance zone is located wholly within  
17 the boundaries of the city submitting the application.
  - 18 b. The application includes a development plan.
  - 19 c. The proposed renaissance zone is not more than twenty-three square blocks,  
20 except in a city with a population of greater than five thousand the renaissance  
21 zone may exceed twenty-three square blocks at the rate of one additional block  
22 for each additional five thousand population to a maximum size of thirty-eight  
23 blocks. Population is based upon the most recent federal decennial census.

1                   If a city finds that renaissance zone projects have satisfactorily completed  
2                   one or more blocks within the renaissance zone, the city may apply for and the  
3                   department of commerce division of community services may approve withdrawal  
4                   of those blocks from the renaissance zone and replacement of those blocks with  
5                   other blocks that otherwise meet the requirements of this chapter.

6           d.   Except as provided under subdivision g, the proposed renaissance zone has a  
7               continuous boundary and all blocks are contiguous.

8           e.   The proposed land usage includes both commercial and residential property.

9           f.   The application includes the proposed duration of renaissance zone status, not to  
10           exceed fifteen years. Upon application by the city, the department of commerce  
11           division of community services may extend the duration of renaissance zone  
12           status in increments of up to five years.

13          g.   The proposed renaissance zone may have a single exception to the continuous  
14               boundary and contiguous block requirements under subdivision d if the area of  
15               the excepted noncontiguous blocks does not exceed three square blocks.

16          h.   The department of commerce division of community services may not designate  
17               a renaissance zone after July 31, 2011, if that renaissance zone includes a lot or  
18               parcel of property that is included in a development or renewal plan for tax  
19               increment financing purposes under section 40-58-20.