

Introduced by

Senator Cook

Representative Headland

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 40-63-03 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to a requirement that cities applying for designation of a renaissance  
3 zone submit letters of support from affected political subdivisions.

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

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

- 7 1. A city may apply to the department of commerce division of community services to  
8 designate a portion of that city as a renaissance zone if the following criteria are met:
- 9 a. The geographic area proposed for the renaissance zone is located wholly within  
10 the boundaries of the city submitting the application.
  - 11 b. The application includes a development plan and letters of support from each  
12 county and school district that contain property located within the boundaries of  
13 the proposed renaissance zone.
  - 14 c. The proposed renaissance zone is not more than thirty-four square blocks,  
15 except in a city with a population of greater than five thousand the renaissance  
16 zone may exceed thirty-four square blocks at the rate of one additional block for  
17 each additional five thousand population to a maximum size of forty-nine blocks.  
18 Population is based upon the most recent federal decennial census or federal  
19 census estimate.

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

- 1           d. Except as provided under subdivision g, the proposed renaissance zone has a  
2           continuous boundary and all blocks are contiguous.
- 3           e. The proposed land usage includes both commercial and residential property.
- 4           f. The application includes the proposed duration of renaissance zone status, not to  
5           exceed fifteen years. Upon application by the city and submission of the  
6           documents required under subdivision b, the department of commerce division of  
7           community services may extend the duration of renaissance zone status in  
8           increments of up to five years.
- 9           g. The proposed renaissance zone may have a single exception to the continuous  
10          boundary and contiguous block requirements under subdivision d if the area of  
11          the excepted noncontiguous blocks does not exceed three square blocks.