

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Senate State and Local Government Committee

Dear Senator Roers and members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee,

I want to encourage you to give Senate Bill 2317 a DO PASS.

I am a resident of Burleigh County which is the county that Bismarck resides in. Currently there are multiple townships that relinquished their zoning rights in 1971. Today these township boards are active and would like to have their zoning authority back. Last year the commission pointed out there is no way for this to happen. Burleigh County townships need your help to have even the possibility of getting their zoning rights back.

Just in our county we have a township that did not relinquish zoning rights that has a rule you must have 5 acres to build a residential home. This has been voted on at the last two Annual Meetings. The townships that do not have zoning rights are unable to make this choice at an Annual Meeting or special meetings of residents. As Bismarck grows townships near need to be able to have residents choose to have 40 acres or 20 or even 5 for a residential home.

Please vote DO PASS.

Sincerely,

Marie Horning