

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1225**

Introduced by

Representatives Keiser, N. Johnson

Senator Grindberg

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenacted subsection 1 of section 40-63-03 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to a renaissance zone size and boundary.

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

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

- 6 1. A city may apply to the department of commerce division of community services to  
7 designate a portion of that city as a renaissance zone if the following criteria are  
8 met:
- 9 a. The geographic area proposed for the renaissance zone is located wholly  
10 within the boundaries of the city submitting the application.
  - 11 b. The application includes a development plan.
  - 12 c. The proposed renaissance zone is not more than ~~twenty~~ twenty-three square  
13 blocks, except in a city with a population of greater than five thousand the  
14 renaissance zone may exceed ~~twenty~~ twenty-three square blocks at the rate  
15 of one additional block for each additional five thousand population to a  
16 maximum size of ~~thirty-five~~ thirty-eight blocks. Population is based upon the  
17 most recent federal decennial census.
  - 18 ~~The~~ Except as provided under subdivision g, the proposed renaissance zone  
19 has a continuous boundary and all blocks are contiguous.
  - 20 e. The proposed land usage includes both commercial and residential property.
  - 21 f. The application includes the proposed duration of renaissance zone status,  
22 not to exceed fifteen years.
  - 23 The proposed renaissance zone may have a single exception to the  
24 continuous boundary and contiguous block requirements under subdivision d

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1                    if the area of the excepted noncontiguous blocks does not exceed three  
2                    square blocks and if the shortest distance between the noncontinuous  
3                    boundaries of the two portions of the zone does not exceed one-half mile [.80  
4                    kilometer].