<u>Language for Potential Amendment from the North Dakota League of Cities</u>

40-18-14.1 Judgment for Fine or costs.

If the judgment provided for in section 40-18-14 imposes a fine or assesses a cost, the municipal judge may order that an authenticated copy of the judgment be filed in the office of the clerk of any district court of any county in the state. The clerk of district court shall treat the municipal court judgment in the same manner as a civil judgment of the district court of any county of the state.

40-18-14.2 Notice of Filing.

- At the time of filing the judgment provided in section 40-18-14, the municipal court judge shall order that an affidavit setting forth the name and last-known post-office address of the defendant and otherwise complying with section 28-20-15 be filed.
- 2. Promptly upon the filing of the judgment provided in section 40-18-14 and the affidavit, the clerk of district court shall mail notice of the filing of the municipal judgment to defendant at the address given and shall make a note of the mailing in the docket. The notice must include the name and post-office address of the municipal court. In addition, the municipal judge may order that notice of the filing of the judgment be mailed to the defendant and proof of the filing may be filed with the clerk of district court. Lack of mailing notice of filing by the clerk of district court shall not affect the enforcement proceedings if proof of mailing by the municipal court has been filed.
- 3. No execution or other process for enforcement of a municipal court judgment filed hereunder may be issued until ten days after the date the judgment is filed.

40-18-14.3 Stay.

If the defendant shows the district court of any county that an appeal from the judgment provided in section 40-18-14 is pending or will be taken, the court shall stay enforcement of the municipal court judgment until the appeal is concluded, or the time for appeal expires.

40-18-14.4 Fees.

The municipal judge shall order that a filing fee of ten dollars shall be paid to the clerk of the district court.

40-18-14.5 Effect of Filing.

Once the judgment provided for in section 40-18-14 is filed in the district court in accordance with section 40-18-14.1 to 40-18-14.4, the judgment is only enforceable in the same manner as provided for a judgment for money in a civil action.