



City of Mandan Administration

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

HB 1165

Senator Randy Burckhard, Chair

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Chairman Burckhard, Members of the Committee, my name is Jim Neubauer and I am the City Administrator for Mandan North Dakota. I am submitting this testimony in opposition to House Bill 1165.

The City of Mandan and Morton County have established a good working relationship regarding planning and zoning issues. Both entities recognize that extraterritorial zoning applies to the orderly growth of the community and allows for efficient development of infrastructure into these areas.

To ensure this good working relationship is maintained, two members of the Mandan City Commission sit on the Morton County Planning and Zoning Commission and the Mandan Planning and Zoning Commission includes one representative from the Morton County Commission and two representatives from the extraterritorial zoning area.

The make-up of the Mandan Planning and Zoning Commission ensures that there is representation and thus a voice from the extraterritorial zoning area, which is already required by North Dakota Century Code.

Allowing residents of the extraterritorial zoning area to vote in city elections would provide them the same voting rights a qualified elector residing within city limits who is subject to city real estate taxes, special assessments and similar responsibilities, without bearing the responsibilities for these obligations placed upon city residents.

It is for these reasons that we would ask for a do not pass on HB 1165.