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RE: Opposition of HB1422 regarding zoning inspections

Chairman Louser and members of the House Industry, Business and Labor Committee:

The City of Williston is in opposition of the proposed amendment subsection 3 of section 11-10.1-05, section 11-33-04, subsection 1 of section 11-33-18, subsection 6 of section 40-05-02, sections 40-47-06, 40-19-01, and 58-03-13, subsection 2 of section 58-03-19, and section 58-09-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to notices triggering zoning inspections when assessments are conducted and building permits are issued.

There is significant concern for achieving the requirements of this bill. The two triggers would create numerous zoning inspections and reports. Regarding assessments, The Assessor's office completes valuations on all properties every year. Independent of assessments, the number of building permits generated annually would create a compliance requirement that is unattainable under typical staffing levels.

The City of Williston supports the testimony of the North Dakota Planning Association and would be in opposition to this bill as written.

Respectfully,

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