

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1225
(Representatives Keiser, N. Johnson)
(Senator Grindberg)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 40-63-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a renaissance zone size and boundary.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

1. A city may apply to the department of commerce division of community services to designate a portion of that city as a renaissance zone if the following criteria are met:
 - a. The geographic area proposed for the renaissance zone is located wholly within the boundaries of the city submitting the application.
 - b. The application includes a development plan.
 - c. The proposed renaissance zone is not more than ~~twenty~~ twenty-three square blocks, except in a city with a population of greater than five thousand the renaissance zone may exceed ~~twenty~~ twenty-three square blocks at the rate of one additional block for each additional five thousand population to a maximum size of ~~thirty-five~~ thirty-eight blocks. Population is based upon the most recent federal decennial census.
 - d. ~~The~~ Except as provided under subdivision g, the proposed renaissance zone has a continuous boundary and all blocks are contiguous.
 - e. The proposed land usage includes both commercial and residential property.
 - f. The application includes the proposed duration of renaissance zone status, not to exceed fifteen years.
 - g. The proposed renaissance zone may have a single exception to the continuous boundary and contiguous block requirements under subdivision d if the area of the excepted noncontiguous blocks does not exceed three square blocks and if the shortest distance between the noncontinuous boundaries of the two portions of the zone does not exceed one-half mile [.80 kilometer].

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1225.

House Vote: Yeas 88 Nays 3 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 43 Nays 3 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2007.

Governor

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Secretary of State