

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE BILL NO. 2191  
(Senators Anderson, Cook)  
(Representatives Frantsvog, Kaldor)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 23 of section 40-05-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a city lien on unfit property.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 23 of section 40-05-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

23. Substandard buildings or structures. The governing body of any city shall have the authority to provide by ordinance for the demolition, repair, or removal of any building or structure located within the limits of such city or other territory under its jurisdiction, which creates a fire hazard, is dangerous to the safety of the occupants or persons frequenting such premises, or is permitted by the owner to remain in a dilapidated condition. Any such ordinance must provide for written notice to the owner of a hearing by the governing body before final action is taken by such body. It must also provide a reasonable time within which an appeal may be taken by the owner from any final order entered by such governing body to a court of competent jurisdiction. The amount of the cost of any demolition, repair, or removal of a building or structure constitutes a lien against the real property from which the cost was incurred and the lien may be foreclosed in judicial proceedings in the manner provided by law for loans secured by liens on real property. If this amount is not adequate to cover the cost of demolition, repair, or removal, the city has a lien for the amount of the additional costs on all real property owned, or later acquired, by the owner in the city. If the city provides the amount of the lien and the name of the owner, the county auditor shall enter on the tax list the amount of the additional cost as a tax lien. The tax lien is enforceable by the city in the same manner as a tax lien by a county. This subsection in no way limits or restricts any authority which is now or may hereafter be vested in the state fire marshal for the regulation or control of such buildings or structures.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2191.

Senate Vote:    Yeas    46        Nays    0        Absent    1

House Vote:    Yeas    50        Nays    36       Absent    8

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State