

House Finance and Taxation
Chair Headland and Committee Members

HB 1266 Support with Amendment

The Grand Forks Downtown Development Association advocates for, promotes, grows, and improves the downtown community through its work with organizations, entrepreneurs, and community stakeholders. This includes work with businesses all over the Greater Grand Forks area as well as encouraging retention of residents through quality of life improvements.

This bill would allow Renaissance Zones that have expired to be brought back, as they had left, through a state approved renewal process. Various ND Communities have expired zones, and a change in language to state law would allow these communities and future communities to go through the renewal process to bring back an expired zone. This simple bill adds language to the Renaissance Zone Program guidelines on the process of bringing back an expired zone.

Suggested amendment to Section 1, 40-63-03.

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If a Renaissance zone designated under this chapter expires, a city may reapply for renewal of the formerly expired Renaissance Zone in the current manner a renewal extension is granted by state law.

We encourage your support of HB1266 with the above amendment,

Sincerely

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