

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1321

Introduced by

Representatives Wrangham, Damschen, S. Meyer

Senators Heitkamp, O'Connell, Triplett

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 40-47-01.1, 40-47-06, and 40-48-03 of the  
2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of cities; to provide for  
3 a legislative council study; to provide for application; and to provide an expiration date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 40-47-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **40-47-01.1. Extraterritorial zoning - Mediation - Determination by administrative**  
8 **law judge.**

- 9 1. A city may, by ordinance, extend the application of a city's zoning regulations to  
10 any quarter quarter section of unincorporated territory if a majority of the quarter  
11 quarter section is located within the following distance of the corporate limits of the  
12 city:
- 13 a. ~~One~~ One-half mile [~~1.61 kilometers~~ .80 kilometer] if the city has a population  
14 of ~~less~~ fewer than five thousand.
- 15 b. ~~Two miles~~ [~~3.22 kilometers~~] One mile [1.61 kilometers] if the city has a  
16 population of five thousand or more, but ~~less~~ fewer than ~~twenty-five~~ ten  
17 thousand.
- 18 c. ~~Four miles~~ [~~6.44 kilometers~~] Two miles [3.22 kilometers] if the city has a  
19 population of ~~twenty-five~~ ten thousand or more.
- 20 2. If a quarter quarter section line divides a platted lot and the majority of that platted  
21 lot lies within the quarter quarter section, a city may apply its extraterritorial zoning  
22 authority to the remainder of that platted lot. If the majority of the platted lot lies  
23 outside the quarter quarter section, the city may not apply its extraterritorial zoning  
24 authority to any of that platted lot.

- 1           3. A city exercising its extraterritorial zoning authority shall hold a zoning transition  
2           meeting if the territory to be extraterritorially zoned is currently zoned. The city's  
3           zoning or planning commission shall provide at least fourteen days' notice of the  
4           meeting to the zoning board or boards of all political subdivisions losing their  
5           partial zoning authority. The purpose of the zoning transition meeting is to review  
6           existing zoning rules, regulations, and restrictions currently in place in the territory  
7           to be extraterritorially zoned and to plan for an orderly transition. The zoning  
8           transition meeting must take place before the city's adoption of an ordinance  
9           exercising extraterritorial zoning.
- 10          4. If two or more cities have boundaries at a distance where there is an overlap of  
11          extraterritorial zoning authority under this section, the governing bodies of the  
12          cities may enter into an agreement regarding the extraterritorial zoning authority of  
13          each city. The agreement must be for a specific term and is binding upon the  
14          cities unless the governing bodies of the cities agree to amend or rescind the  
15          agreement or unless determined otherwise by an administrative law judge in  
16          accordance with this chapter. If a dispute arises concerning the extraterritorial  
17          zoning authority of a city and the governing bodies of the cities involved fail to  
18          resolve the dispute, the dispute must be submitted to a committee for mediation.  
19          The committee must be comprised of one member appointed by the governor, one  
20          member of the governing body of each city, and one member of the planning  
21          commission of each city who resides outside the corporate city limits. The  
22          governor's appointee shall arrange and preside over the meeting and act as  
23          mediator at the meeting. A meeting may be continued until the dispute has been  
24          resolved or until the mediator determines that continued mediation is no longer  
25          worthwhile.
- 26          5. If the mediation committee is unable to resolve the dispute to the satisfaction of the  
27          governing bodies of all the cities involved, the governing body of any of the cities  
28          may petition the office of administrative hearings to appoint an administrative law  
29          judge to determine the extraterritorial zoning authority of the cities in the disputed  
30          area. A hearing may not be held until after at least two weeks' written notice has  
31          been given to the governing bodies of the cities involved in the dispute. At the

1 hearing, the governor's appointee who mediated the meetings under subsection 4  
2 shall provide information to the administrative law judge on the dispute between  
3 the cities involved and any proposed resolutions or recommendations made by a  
4 majority of the committee members. Any resident of, or person owning property in,  
5 a city involved in the dispute or the unincorporated territory that is the subject of  
6 the proposed extraterritorial zoning, a representative of such a resident or property  
7 owner, and any representative of a city involved, may appear at the hearing and  
8 present evidence on any matter to be determined by the administrative law judge.  
9 A decision by the administrative law judge is binding upon all the cities involved in  
10 the dispute and remains effective until the governing bodies of the cities agree to a  
11 change in the zoning authority of the cities. The governing body of a city may  
12 request a review of a decision of an administrative law judge due to changed  
13 circumstances at any time ten years after the decision has become final. An  
14 administrative law judge shall consider the following factors in making a decision  
15 under this subsection:

- 16 a. The proportional extraterritorial zoning authority of the cities involved in the  
17 dispute;
- 18 b. The proximity of the land in dispute to the corporate limits of each city  
19 involved;
- 20 c. The proximity of the land in dispute to developed property in the cities  
21 involved;
- 22 d. Whether any of the cities has exercised extraterritorial zoning authority over  
23 the disputed land;
- 24 e. Whether natural boundaries such as rivers, lakes, highways, or other physical  
25 characteristics affecting the land are present;
- 26 f. The growth pattern of the cities involved in the dispute; and
- 27 g. Any other factor determined to be relevant by the administrative law judge.

28 6. For purposes of this section, the population of a city must be determined by the  
29 last official regular or special federal census. If a city has incorporated after a  
30 census, the population of the city must be determined by a census taken in  
31 accordance with chapter 40-22.

1           7.    When a portion of the city is attached to the bulk of the city by a strip of land less  
2                    than one hundred feet [30.48 meters] wide, that portion and strip of land must be  
3                    disregarded when determining the extraterritorial zoning limits of the city. This  
4                    subsection does not affect the ability of a city to zone land within its city limits.

5           8.    For the purposes of this section, a quarter quarter section shall be determined in  
6                    the manner provided by 2 Stat. 313 [43 U.S.C. 752]. When appropriate, the  
7                    phrase "quarter quarter section" refers to the equivalent government lot.

8           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 40-47-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
9                    amended and reenacted as follows:

10           **40-47-06. Zoning commission - Appointment - Duties - Preliminary and final**  
11 **report.** The governing body of a city desiring to avail itself of the powers conferred by this  
12 chapter shall appoint a commission, to be known as the zoning commission, to recommend the  
13 boundaries of the various original districts and appropriate regulations to be enforced therein.  
14 ~~In addition to the members appointed by the city~~ If the city exercises extraterritorial zoning  
15 authority under section 40-47-01.1, the zoning commission ~~shall~~ must include at least one  
16 ~~person~~ individual residing outside ~~of~~ the corporate limits of a city ~~having~~ if the city has a  
17 population of ~~less~~ fewer than five thousand, two ~~persons~~ individuals residing outside the  
18 corporate limits of a ~~the city having~~ if the city has a population of five thousand or more, but  
19 ~~less~~ fewer than ~~twenty-five~~ ten thousand, or three ~~persons~~ individuals residing outside the  
20 corporate limits of a ~~the city having~~ if the city has a population of ~~twenty-five~~ ten thousand or  
21 more ~~if zoning authority is exercised pursuant to section 40-47-01.1.~~ ~~Such persons shall.~~  
22 Those individuals must be appointed by the board or boards of county commissioners of the  
23 county or counties within which ~~such~~ the zoning authority is to be exercised and ~~shall~~ must  
24 reside within the territorial limits of the zoning regulation authority exercised by the city, if any  
25 ~~such persons are~~ individual is available and will serve on the zoning commission. Of the  
26 members of the commission appointed by a board or boards of county commissioners pursuant  
27 to this section, the first member appointed shall hold office for five years, the second member  
28 appointed shall hold office for three years, and the third member appointed shall hold office for  
29 one year. Thereafter, the members shall be appointed for terms of five years. ~~Such~~ The  
30 commission shall make a preliminary report and hold public hearings thereon before submitting  
31 its final report. The governing body ~~shall~~ may not hold its public hearings or take action until it

1 has received the final report of the zoning commission. If a city has a planning commission, it  
2 may be appointed as the zoning commission.

3 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 40-48-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **40-48-03. Planning commission - Creation - Members - Ex officio members.** The  
6 governing body of any city may create, by ordinance, a planning commission to consist of not  
7 more than ten members to be appointed by the executive officer of the city with the approval of  
8 its governing body. ~~In addition to the members appointed by the city~~ If the city exercises  
9 extraterritorial zoning authority under section 40-47-01.1, the planning commission ~~shall~~ must  
10 include at least one ~~person~~ individual residing outside of the corporate limits of a the city  
11 ~~having~~ if the city has a population of ~~less~~ fewer than five thousand, two ~~persons~~ individuals  
12 residing outside the corporate limits ~~of a~~ if the city having has a population of five thousand or  
13 more, but ~~less~~ fewer than ~~twenty-five~~ ten thousand, or three ~~persons~~ individuals residing  
14 outside the corporate limits of a the city ~~having~~ if the city has a population of ~~twenty-five~~ ten  
15 thousand or more ~~if zoning authority is exercised pursuant to section 40-47-01.1.~~ ~~Such~~  
16 ~~persons shall.~~ Those individuals must be appointed by the board or boards of county  
17 commissioners of the county or counties within which ~~such~~ the subdivision authority is to be  
18 exercised and ~~shall~~ must reside within the territorial limits of the subdivision regulation authority  
19 exercised by the city, if any such ~~persons are~~ individual is available and will serve on the  
20 planning commission. Of the members of the commission appointed by a board or boards of  
21 county commissioners pursuant to this section, the first member appointed shall hold office for  
22 five years, the second member appointed shall hold office for three years, and the third  
23 member appointed shall hold office for one year. Thereafter, the members shall be appointed  
24 for terms of five years. The executive officer, the engineer, and the attorney of the city ~~shall be~~  
25 are ex officio members of the commission.

26 **SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - EXTRATERRITORIAL ZONING**  
27 **AUTHORITY.** The legislative council shall study, during the 2007-08 interim, the extraterritorial  
28 zoning authority of cities and the impact of that authority on other political subdivisions. The  
29 legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation  
30 required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-first legislative assembly.

1           **SECTION 5. APPLICATION.** Any extraterritorial zoning regulation in effect before the  
2 effective date of this Act which extends beyond the extraterritorial zoning authority provided by  
3 this Act is not affected by the reduction in the extraterritorial zoning limits in section 1 of this  
4 Act.

5           **SECTION 6. EXPIRATION DATE.** Sections 1 through 3 of this Act are effective  
6 through July 31, 2009, and after that date are ineffective.