

**Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

SENATE BILL NO. 2329
(Senators Flakoll, Burckhard, Nelson)
(Representatives Keiser, Thoreson, Vigesaa)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 40-63-03 and subsection 5 of section 40-63-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the size of a renaissance zone and renaissance zone tax exemptions; and to provide an effective date.

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-three~~thirty-four square blocks, except in a city with a population of greater than five thousand the renaissance zone may exceed ~~twenty-three~~thirty-four square blocks at the rate of one additional block for each additional five thousand population to a maximum size of ~~thirty-eight~~forty-nine blocks. Population is based upon the most recent federal decennial census or federal census estimate.

If a city finds that renaissance zone projects have satisfactorily completed one or more blocks within the renaissance zone, the city may apply for and the department of commerce division of community services may approve withdrawal of those blocks from the renaissance zone and replacement of those blocks with other blocks that otherwise meet the requirements of this chapter.

- d. 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. Upon application by the city, the department of commerce division of community services may extend the duration of renaissance zone status in increments of up to five 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.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subsection 5 of section 40-63-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5. The total amount of credits allowed under this section may not exceed, in the aggregate, ~~eight million five hundred thousand~~ten million five hundred thousand dollars for investments in renaissance fund organizations. A renaissance fund organization that has received

investments that qualify for the credits under this subsection shall use those investments to finance projects within a renaissance zone.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 2 of this Act is effective for taxable events occurring after December 31, 2014.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2329.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 63 Nays 26 Absent 5

Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2015.

Governor

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Secretary of State