

## CHAPTER 241—S.F.No. 235

*An act relating to state lands; authorizing release of a reversionary interest in certain state lands conveyed to the city of St. Peter.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST.**

The commissioner of natural resources, in the name of the state, may release to the city of St. Peter, without monetary consideration, the reversionary interest retained by the state in those lands included in the former Traverse des Sioux state park that were conveyed to the city of St. Peter and are described in Laws 1980, chapter 489, section 4. Release of the reversionary interest must be in a form prescribed by the attorney general and must provide that the land reverts to the state if it is not used for public purposes.

Presented to the governor May 14, 1993

Signed by the governor May 17, 1993, 3:08 p.m.

## CHAPTER 242—S.F.No. 262

*An act relating to the city of Saint Paul; authorizing the city by ordinance to prepare, adopt, and amend design districts and design framework, to establish a design advisory committee, and to establish design review procedures to preserve and enhance the city's appearance and environmental quality.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF DESIGN DISTRICTS AND DESIGN FRAMEWORK.**

To preserve and enhance the environmental quality of the city of Saint Paul, the city may take the following actions.

(a) The city council may by ordinance after recommendation from its planning commission and after a public hearing, notice of which shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 20 days prior to the date of the hearing, adopt or amend design districts and design framework to be subject to special controls of the types authorized by sections 1 to 3.

(b) Design framework adopted by the city council may include a compilation of design policies, goals, standards, principles, visual forms and images, and action programs to guide future development of public and private property within the design districts.

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(c) Design districts may include designated corridors along freeways and other major thoroughfares; historic areas; areas abutting major educational and cultural institutions; areas abutting lakes, rivers, major parks and parkways; the downtown business district; areas abutting major transportation terminals, major public facilities, and community business districts; and other areas that the city council finds to be especially significant to preservation and improvement of the visual character and environmental quality of the city.

(d) Design districts adopted by the city council under this section must not be given jurisdiction over the capital area, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.50, subdivision 2.

#### Sec. 2. DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The city council may by ordinance create or designate a design advisory committee or committees, whose members shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council, for the purpose of reviewing public and private improvements within design districts for compliance with design framework. Design review committees should have members who are knowledgeable in environmental design by virtue of their interests, training, or experience, and should also have members who are residents and business persons from the design district.

#### Sec. 3. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS.

The Saint Paul city council, if it exercises the authority granted under section 1, may by ordinance provide that no significant improvements, such as buildings or other structures, site improvements, or signs, may be erected, altered, restored, moved, or made within the design districts until after a certificate of appropriateness is issued by the city. The ordinance may provide that plans for the proposed improvements be submitted to the design advisory committee for review as to compliance with the design framework before a certificate of appropriateness is issued. The ordinance shall provide for a right of appeal to the city council if a proposed improvement is found not to be in compliance with the design framework.

#### Sec. 4. LOCAL APPROVAL.

This act is effective the day after compliance by the governing body of the city of Saint Paul with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3.

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