Housing Legislation

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Multiple bills are circulating in the Minnesota legislature this legislative session that have the potential to impact Minnetrista and the quality of life in your community. Please take a look at this **fact sheet** provided by the League of Minnesota Cities.

How you can help. If you feel strongly about this matter, please reach out to members of the Housing Committees and the State and Local Government Committees in both the Minnesota House of Representatives and the Minnesota Senate. Links to the members of those committees are below.

You can also email **minnetrista [at] ci.minnetrista.mn.us,** and city staff will forward your email to the various committees.



Oppose the Missing Middle Housing Bill

Minnesotans should be aware of the potential consequences of housing legislation being pushed forward at the State Legislature. The legislation, known as the Missing Middle Housing bill, would take away cities' rights to make zoning and land use decisions that best fit their locality-identified needs. The legislation would also silence residents who have concerns over new developments being built in their neighborhoods.

Lawmakers may believe they know what is best for all Minnesota cities, but they have overlooked the consequences our cities and residents will be forced to deal with if the Missing Middle housing legislation becomes law.

INSUFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE

The legislation would allow developers to build 6-10 types of "middle housing" (duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, fiveplexes, sixplexes, townhouses, stacked flats, courtyard apartments, and cottage housing) on any residential lot. Most cities' infrastructure including water and sewer systems does not currently support adding high-density buildings to residential lots.



Consequence

Cities would need to upgrade and/or expand their water and sewer infrastructure. The state does not plan to provide financial support for these infrastructure requirements, which means cities may have to turn to taxpayers to pay for necessary infrastructure upgrades.



- Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Committee
- House of Representatives Housing Finance and Policy Committee
- House of Representatives State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee

Fact Sheets

Zoning and Land Use Fact Sheet 566.75 KB

Minnetrista City Council Opposes Housing Bills

Resolution Opposing Housing Bills 126.04 KB