

Group Homes in the City of Champlin - 2024

● Group Homes

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Executive Department

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Chair Schomacker and Members of the Human Services Finance and Policy Committee:

As Mayor of Richfield, I appreciate the opportunity to share the City of Richfield's support for HF 1477, which would allow cities to apply rental licensing regulations to group homes and assisted living facilities.

In 2024, the Legislature exempted some group homes and assisted living facilities with six or fewer residents from municipal licensing regulations. We support the passage of HF 1477, which would again allow cities to license these facilities as long as cities don't impose any rules stricter than those placed on other rental housing facilities.

As an urban, well-connected community, Richfield has proven to be an attractive place for group homes to locate. We have over 60 in our community, and we strive to be a welcoming community to these residents, as well as anyone else who chooses to live in our city. Our goal is not to prohibit group homes, nor to attempt to use a rental licensing program to address concerns with individual caregivers.

As a community that experienced tremendous growth after World War II, two-thirds of our housing was constructed between 1940 and 1969, making many homes 55-80+ years old. Our rental licensing program is an important tool to protect our housing stock and ensure that these homes are maintained and safe for residents, including members of our community living in group homes.

State licensing of group homes is vitally important; however, in many cases, inspections of the properties are required prior to licensing and then are focused more on standards of care, maltreatment of residents, background checks of staff, and identification of fraud. While we do not want duplicative inspections of group homes, our experience shows that there can be health and safety concerns in these housing units. Here is additional information regarding our experiences:

- The Richfield rental licensing program uses the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code and focuses on ensuring a safe structure. The purpose of our rental licensing requirements is to ensure that all rental housing in the city is decent, safe and sanitary, as well as operated and maintained to provide quality housing in the community. Group homes are inspected under the same codes as other rental properties.

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- A review of group home inspections from the year before the Legislature prohibited city licensing showed anywhere from 3 to 22 violations including several missing or nonfunctioning smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, improperly wired electrical outlets, non-working light fixtures, cracked foundations, and improperly installed plumbing. Attached are the rental inspection reports for five group homes inspected in March of 2024 in the city of Richfield, which show that our rental inspections are not duplicative of what is being done by state inspectors.
- New regulations from the State require the city's Building Official to sign off on all new group homes. While this process will ensure the homes are in compliance when a new owner first opens a group home, it's important to monitor ongoing compliance, as the attached inspections indicate.
- In the past, tenants and tenants' families have contacted the city with complaints. A rental license helps the city to follow up on these complaints and make sure the businesses that own the facilities comply with codes for safe housing.
- The patchwork of state regulations of various community living communities (e.g., some are licensed through the Department of Human Services with county oversight and others through the Department of Health) makes it difficult to ascertain which facilities are exempt from city licensing and which are not.

We believe requiring a rental license is an important tool for ensuring safe housing for all our residents who, as tenants, do not have the agency to maintain their own dwellings. This is not a tool that the City uses or desires to use to either keep out group homes or to monitor caregivers within those settings. We see ourselves as partners in the work to keep residents of these housing units safe and allow them to continue to live in Richfield as their chosen community.

We hope that you can support our need for this tool. Thank you for consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,



Mary B. Supple
Richfield Mayor
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RICHFIELD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (612) 861-9882
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Detail Listing of All Items Requiring Correction for [REDACTED]
Lic. or App. Number: [REDACTED]

This property was inspected by: Dean Tran on: 03/05/2024 at 09:00 AM

Date Identified	Unit	Description	Action Required	Comments
03/05/2024		Dishwasher discharge improperly plumbed.	Dishwasher discharge-must be properly connected to drain system. Secure dishwasher drain to top of cabinet. MN PLMG CODE (IPMC 504)	
03/05/2024		Overhead door opener not functioning.	Repair or remove overhead door opener. (MN 1300.5900)	
03/05/2024		Foundation cracked and/or loose mortar	Patch/repair foundation as needed. (IPMC 302)	
03/05/2024		Ceiling water damaged.	Repair water damaged ceiling and cause. (IPMC 305)	1st level/bath
03/05/2024		GFI outlet not functioning properly/not tripping	Wire GFI outlet to manufacturers instructions and/or replace. (IPMC 605)	1st level/bath
03/05/2024		Improperly grounded electrical outlet(s)	Repair by providing arc fault tamper resistant and/or GFCI outlets to current code as required.(IPMC 605)	1st level/bedroom, 1st level/living room, 1st level/bath
03/05/2024		Outlet loose	Outlet must be secured to properly anchored elect.box. (IPMC 605)	1st level/living room
03/05/2024		Outlet(s) improperly wired-reverse polarity	Outlet(s) must be properly wired. (IPMC 605)	2st level/bedroom
03/05/2024		Work done without permits	Licensed contractor must obtain permits and all inspections for work performed without permits	a heating system
03/05/2024		No Carbon Monoxide detector/or inoperable	Install carbon monoxide detector outside and not more than 10 feet from each separate sleeping area or bedroom. (IPMC 705)	basement
03/05/2024		Vent fan not functioning properly.	Repair vent fan as needed. (IPMC 403)	basement bath
03/05/2024		Rotted window components	Repair/replace all rotted window components as required. (IPMC 304)	basement window
03/05/2024		Garage in disrepair	Garages shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair. Demolish with permit OR repair with permit. (IPMC 302)	damaged door frame
03/05/2024		Light fixture not functioning	Verify working condition of light fixture. (IPMC 402)	furnace room
03/05/2024		Siding damaged and/or missing	Repair damaged/missing siding. (IPMC 304)	garage

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at 10:00 AM**

Date Identified	Unit	Description	Action Required	Comments
03/05/2024		Dryer exhaust duct vented to interior.	Vent dryer exhaust to the exterior to code. (IPMC 403)	
03/05/2024		Added and/or altered electrical wiring and /or service.	Added electrical wiring and/or service must be certified by licensed electrical contractor on City of Richfield form.	
03/05/2024		Flue cap damaged/unlisted/missing	Flue cap must be U.L. listed & in good condition. (IPMC 603)	
03/05/2024		Furnace 15+ years old /or no history of installation. (IPMC 603)	Heating system to be certified by heating contractor licensed with the City of Richfield and ON CITY OF RICHFIELD FORM	
03/05/2024		Gutters damaged/missing extentions	Repair/replace gutters and/or downspouts and extentions (IPMC 304)	
03/05/2024		O.H. Garage door not reversing properly	Adjust O.H. Garage door to reverse properly or remove (MN 1300.5900)	
03/05/2024		Tub faucet w/threads has a potential for back-siphoning.	Install backflow preventer to threads on laundry tub faucet spout (IPMC 505)	
03/05/2024		Outside hose faucet with threads has potential of back-siphoning	Install backflow preventer to threads on faucet spout. (IPMC 505)	
03/05/2024		Rotted window components	Repair/replace all rotted window components as required. (IPMC 304)	
03/05/2024		Outlet not functioning	Outlets must be properly wired and functioning. (IPMC 605)	basement/office
03/05/2024		Stairway lacks handrail	Install handrail to code, 34"-38" in height Handrail must cover all steps. Ends shall be returned. (IPMC 304)	deck
03/05/2024		Door/door hardware damaged	Repair/replace damaged door and/or hardware. (IPMC 304)	garage overhead door and service door (cannot use interior door)
03/05/2024		Rotted wood, siding or trim	Any/all rotted wood must be replaced. (IPMC 304)	hose and garage
03/05/2024		Soffit/fascia damaged/missing	Repair/replace damaged/missing soffit/fascia (IPMC 304)	house and garage
03/05/2024		Drain-Must be approved type drain pipe	Drain- remove flex drain line and re-plumb w/approved material. (IPMC 504)	kitchen

03/05/2024		Pipe leaking	Repair leaking pipe as needed to code.	laundry room - above the washer/dryer
03/05/2024		Work done without permits	Licensed contractor must obtain permits and all inspections for work performed without permits	new deck
03/05/2024		Washer and/or Dryer powered by ext.cord and/or adapter.	Washer and/or Dryer must reach an approved outlet with its original cord. Add outlet W/PERMIT & inspection. (IPMC 605)	unsafe extention cord
03/05/2024		No Carbon Monoxide detector/or inoperable	Install carbon monoxide detector outside and not more than 10 feet from each separate sleeping area or bedroom. (IPMC 705)	upper level
03/05/2024		No smoke detector as required.	Install smoke detector per mfg specs immediately -on every level, in the hallways leading to a bedroom, AND one in every bedroom.	upper level/bedroom
03/05/2024		Guardrail damaged / Unsecured	Secure/repair guardrail (IPMC 304)	upper level/living room
03/05/2024		Storage in front of electrical service.	Provide 36 inches clearance in front of electrical service panel. (IPMC 603)	washer

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Date Identified	Unit	Description	Action Required	Comments
03/05/2024		Dead bolt lock(s) missing at exterior door(s)	Install dead bolt locks at all exterior doors (IPMC 304)	
03/05/2024		Exterior dryer or vent damper clogged/damaged.	Repair or replace damaged exterior vent damper securely & seal. (IPMC 403)	
03/05/2024		Flue cap damaged/unlisted/missing	Flue cap must be U.L. listed & in good condition. (IPMC 603)	
03/05/2024		Furnace 15+ years old /or no history of installation. (IPMC 603)	Heating system to be certified by heating contractor licensed with the City of Richfield and ON CITY OF RICHFIELD FORM	
03/05/2024		Gutters damaged/missing extentions	Repair/replace gutters and/or downspouts and extentions (IPMC 304)	
03/05/2024		Outside hose faucet with threads has potential of back-siphoning	Install backflow preventer to threads on faucet spout. (IPMC 505)	
03/05/2024		Rotted window components	Repair/replace all rotted window components as required. (IPMC 304)	
03/05/2024		Open bulb lite fixture in clothes closet	Lite fixture must be 12" from shelf and enclosed globe type fixture, or removed with wires & box covered. ((IPMC 605)	1st floor/closet, basement/closet
03/05/2024		Damaged wall/tile/caulking/grout and/or tub faucet is not sealed	Repair water damaged wall/tile/caulking/grout and or seal at faucet and repair cause of damage. (IPMC 504)	1st level/bathtub surrounding
03/05/2024		Window glass broken/cracked or missing	Window skylights doorframes shall be kept n good sound condition, good repair and weather tight. (IPMC 304)	1st level/bedroom
03/05/2024		GFI outlet not functioning properly/not tripping	Wire GFI outlet to manufacturers instructions and/or replace. (IPMC 605)	basement/bath
03/05/2024		Peeling paint	Refinish areas of peeling paint (IPMC 304)	fascia and windows
03/05/2024		Jct. Box lacks cover/open holes	Install cover/cap open holes at jct box. (IPMC 605)	garage
03/05/2024		Work done without permits	Licensed contractor must obtain permits and all inspections for work performed without permits	laundry tub
03/05/2024		Drain-Must be approved type drain pipe	Drain- remove flex drain line and re-plumb w/approved material. (IPMC 504)	remove rubber coupling at laundry room

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Date Identified	Unit	Description	Action Required	Comments
03/05/2024		Work done without permits	Licensed contractor must obtain permits and all inspections for work performed without permits	added room in basement
03/05/2024		Furnace 15+ years old /or no history of installation. (IPMC 603)	Heating system to be certified by heating contractor licensed with the City of Richfield and ON CITY OF RICHFIELD FORM	Corval Group does not have a valid mechanical license with the City of Richfield.
03/05/2024		Door/door hardware damaged	Repair/replace damaged door and/or hardware. (IPMC 304)	Garage service does cannot be latched.

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at 02:30 PM**

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03/05/2024		Dead bolt lock(s) missing at exterior door(s)	Install dead bolt locks at all exterior doors (IPMC 304)	
03/05/2024		Dryer exhaust duct vented to interior.	Vent dryer exhaust to the exterior to code. (IPMC 403)	
03/05/2024		Garage ceiling joist not designed for storage.	Garage-Remove attic storage	
03/05/2024		Gutters damaged/missing extentions	Repair/replace gutters and/or downspouts and extentions (IPMC 304)	
03/05/2024		Tree too close to house/garage	Remove trees & limbs within 18" of structure/foundation/roofline (IPMC 304)	
03/05/2024		Laundry tub unsecured.	Laundry tub must be secured to floor or wall. (IPMC 504)	
03/05/2024		Outside hose faucet with threads has potential of back-siphoning	Install backflow preventer to threads on faucet spout. (IPMC 505)	
03/05/2024		water heater lacks shut off valve on cold water inlet pipe	Install shut off valve on cold water inlet pipe (IPMC 505)	
03/05/2024		Visable mildew present	Remove mildew as needed (IPMC 305)	1st floor/bath, basement/den
03/05/2024		Smoke detector-improper location.	Smoke detector must be installed per manufacturer IMMEDIATELY. IRC	1st floor/hallway (too low)
03/05/2024		Damaged wall/tile/caulking/grout and/or tub faucet is not sealed	Repair water damaged wall/tile/caulking/grout and or seal at faucet and repair cause of damage. (IPMC 504)	1st level/bathtub surrounding
03/05/2024		Exterior bath vent damper damaged.	Repair or replace damaged exterior vent damper. (IPMC 504)	basement bath
03/05/2024		Improperly grounded electrical outlet(s)	Repair by providing arc fault tamper resistant and/or GFCI outlets to current code as required.(IPMC 605)	basement/bed, basement/main
03/05/2024		Furnace 15+ years old /or no history of installation. (IPMC 603)	Heating system to be certified by heating contractor licensed with the City of Richfield and ON CITY OF RICHFIELD FORM	Corval Group does not have a valid license with the City of Richfield
03/05/2024		Brush/leaves on property	Brush/leaves on property must be removed. (ipmc 302)	falling dead tree
03/05/2024		Electric cable not secured properly.	Cable shall be secured in place at intervals not exceeding 4 1/2 ft. & within 12 in. from every outlet box. (IPMC 605)	garage
03/05/2024		Soffit/fascia damaged/missing	Repair/replace damaged/missing soffit/fascia	garage

			(IPMC 304)	
03/05/2024		Garage in disrepair	Garages shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair. Demolish with permit OR repair with permit. (IPMC 302)	garage roof and garage ceiling
03/05/2024		Debris or garbage on site	Exterior property and premises shall be kept clean safe and sanitary condition. Remove debris and/or garbage from property. (IPMC 308)	in garage
03/05/2024		Drain-Must be approved type drain pipe	Drain- remove flex drain line and re-plumb w/approved material. (IPMC 504)	laundry room - remove rubber couplings



March 26, 2025

Dear Chair Schomacker, Chair Noor, and Members of the House Human Services Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the seven-county metropolitan region, appreciates the opportunity to comment on HF 1477 (Nadeau). Metro Cities supports this bill.

Residential group homes are an important and valued component of the metropolitan region's housing stock. Municipal officials recognize and support the services that residential programs provide and are responsible for safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of residents in group homes as well as other types of housing.

Legislation passed in 2024 exempted community residential settings and assisted living facilities with licensed capacities of six or fewer residents from local rental licensing regulations. HF 1477 restores the ability of cities to provide the same oversight for residential programs as they would for other rental properties in their community.

In addition to existing state oversight, municipal residential licensing ensures livability and safety standards for residents and allows a city to promptly respond to and address housing conditions that may present health and safety concerns. As such, Metro Cities is supportive of allowing cities to apply local regulations that are designed and intended to protect the safety of residents and the broader community.

We look forward to working with the author, committee, and other stakeholders as this legislation is further considered. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Lund". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "Lund" clearly distinguishable.

Mike Lund
Government Relations Specialist
Metro Cities

March 25, 2025

Co-Chair Schomacker, Co-Chair Noor, and Members of the Human Services Finance and Policy Committee:

RE: HF 1477 and HF 2569

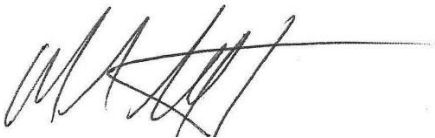
We are writing in support of House Files 1477 and 2569. Congregate care facilities provide valuable services and a place to call home for many of our most vulnerable in the community. Ensuring the health and safety of the patients/residents, both in terms of the property itself and the care they are provided is of utmost importance. These two bills provide critical changes to support the long-term success of congregate care facilities, the wellbeing of their residents, and our communities' ability to best support them.

HF 1477 reinstates the necessary life safety inspections local governments historically had ensuring that congregate care facilities are safe for residents and staff. Local inspectors are best equipped to provide this critical inspection service with our expertise, local knowledge, and relationships with providers.

The concept of integrating congregate care facilities and their residents into community is absolutely the right goal, the reality is, this goal has not been realized, and these facilities have concentrated in a small number of communities rather than integrated throughout the state which has created real challenges for patients and hardships for those communities where they have concentrated. HF 2569 puts in place distancing provisions for some types of future licensed congregate care facilities similar to what already exists in statute for cities of the first class.

Thank you for your support of House Files 1477 and 2569.

Sincerely,



Mark Steffenson
Mayor

March 27, 2025

Representative Joe Schomacker
Representative Mohamud Noor
Co-Chairs of the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy

Re: HF 1477 — Nadeau: Residential program licensing requirements modified.

Dear Chair Schomacker, Chair Noor and Committee Members,

The City of Minneapolis appreciates the opportunity to comment in support of HF 1477.

During the legislative session last year, state-licensed facilities under Minnesota Statutes 144G.45 and 245D.02 with six or fewer residents became exempt from local rental licensing requirements. HF 1477 modifies these licensing requirements by restoring our ability to apply local rental licensing regulations to these facilities. In addition, this bill ensures group homes and assisted living facilities can be in all cities, while providing cities with the tools to ensure the housing is safe, supportive, and livable for vulnerable individuals and people with disabilities.


When we license these facilities, we're able to conduct proactive inspections to remediate issues before they become systemic. Examples of the types of things we inspect for include: presence of working smoke and CO detectors, overoccupancy and/or illegal bedrooms, rodent infestations, improper egress, and clutter/unsanitary conditions.

Residents of group homes and assisted living facilities are some of our most vulnerable. We aim to ensure our housing stock meets life and safety standards, especially for those with fewer options who may be less likely to advocate for themselves. We believe all residents should have access to protections through the same accountability measures as other renters. This includes our ability to put provisions on rental licenses when the properties are unsafe or revoke the rental licenses of facilities with a history of non-compliance for code violations.

Passage of HF 1477 is crucial to ensure that the same protections for residents of group homes and assisted living facilities have the same protections that we provide for other renters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Enrique Velázquez
Director
Regulatory Services

March 26, 2025

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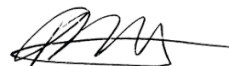
Thank you for your support for House Files 1477 and 2569.



Hollies Winston
Mayor of Brooklyn Park



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Mayor of Crystal



John Elder
Mayor of New Hope



Brad Sutton
Mayor of Robbinsdale



Wendy Webster
Mayor of St. Anthony



March 27, 2025

Honorable Chair Schomacker, Chair Noor, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Fire Association Coalition (MNFAC), comprised of the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association, the Minnesota State Fire Department Association, the Minnesota Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators, and the Fire Marshals Association of Minnesota, please accept this letter of support for HF 1477 (Nadeau).

This bill would allow local governments to license assisted living homes with six or fewer residents. In 2024, the Legislature passed a law exempting assisted living facilities with six or fewer residents from local government rental licensing requirements. This removed an important tool for local fire departments to verify compliance with codes and ordinances ensuring the safety of the vulnerable residents who are cared for at the licensed facility.

Local fire departments are often relied upon to respond to calls to aid residents living in assisted living facilities. When a safety concern is discovered that could cause harm to residents, fire departments report the issue to the Minnesota Department of Health. However, by this point, the license holder is already in operation, which puts residents at risk until the safety issue is addressed. Allowing local governments to license these facilities on the front end, as they do with other rental facilities, would ensure that fire code and other safety concerns are addressed before they could be of risk to residents.

This bill would allow local governments and their fire departments to help ensure that these facilities meet the safety standards required by state and local laws and ordinances for our residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.

Sincerely,

Chief BJ Jungmann
Legislative Chair, MNFAC

March 25, 2025

Representative Nadeau,

I am reaching out to you today to express support of the City of St. Louis Park on bill H.F. 1477. The City of St. Louis Park supports increasing housing opportunities for all residents, including policies that build and maintain housing and aid in associated costs.

The City of St. Louis Park supports the modifications to the group home registration legislation to allow cities to license for life and safety to the city's code. The City of St. Louis Park seeks to preserve the safety and dignity of residents in group homes by holding the property to the same standard as other rental properties in the city.

Thank you for your support. Please feel free to contact me at bhoffman@stlouisparkmn.gov or 952-924-2584 with questions.

Sincerely,

Brian Hoffman

Brian Hoffman
Building and energy director



March 25, 2025

Co-Chair Schomacker, Co-Chair Noor, and Members of the Human Services Finance and Policy Committee,

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Thank you for your support for House Files 1477 and 2569.

Tim Busse
Mayor
City of Bloomington



Fridley Civic Campus

March 25, 2025

Co-Chair Schomacker & Co-Chair Noor,

As the Mayor of Fridley, I am writing in support of House Files 1477 and 2569. Our city has experienced firsthand the challenges created by the concentrated growth of congregate care facilities. While these facilities provide valuable services, their rapid proliferation has created pressures on our community's infrastructure, housing market, and municipal resources.

In Fridley, we've seen a dramatic transformation of our residential landscape. These facilities are not just providing care—they are fundamentally altering our neighborhood composition. One of the most pressing issues is the impact on our housing stock. Congregate care providers are purchasing single family homes at an unprecedented rate, effectively pricing out first-time homebuyers and young families who have traditionally been the backbone of our community.

HF 1477 is critical as it reinstates local government life safety inspections. In Fridley, our housing inspectors intimately understand our community's specific needs and can provide more targeted, effective oversight. We know our local providers and understand the nuanced challenges of maintaining safe, high-quality care facilities.

HF 2569's proposed distancing provisions are equally important. By preventing the over-concentration of these facilities in specific communities like Fridley, the bill would help distribute care facilities more equitably across the state. This approach mirrors successful models in Minneapolis and St. Paul and would provide much-needed relief to communities bearing a disproportionate load.

Our goal is not to obstruct care for vulnerable populations, but to ensure a balanced, sustainable approach that supports both residents and the broader community. These bills represent a thoughtful path forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Ostwald', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mayor Dave Ostwald