

Subject Metropolitan Council and metropolitan programs

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Overview

This bill makes amendments to a Metropolitan Council review and reporting requirement, Livable Communities affordable rental housing program requirements, Metropolitan Regional Parks financial submission requirements, and planning and zoning timing requirements related to the expiration of metropolitan agricultural preserves land.

All sections are effective the day following final enactment and apply in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

Summary

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1	Decennial review.
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The Metropolitan Council is required to review proposed matters of metropolitan significance undertaken by public and private entities in accordance with rules promulgated by the Metropolitan Council. Under current law, the Metropolitan Council is required to review and assess the rules at least every two years and provide a report to the legislature on proposed and recommended alterations to the standards for determining metropolitan significance. According to information on this reporting requirement on the Minnesota Legislative Reference Library's website, as of February 2024, this report has not been produced by the Metropolitan Council since 1989.

The amendments in this section would change the required review and assessment of the rules to every ten years, by January 15 of the year ended in the number "5," and removes the reporting requirement to the legislature.

2	Affordable, life-cycle goals.
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A municipality that participates in the Livable Communities affordable rental housing program must work with the Metropolitan Council to establish affordable and life-cycle housing goals that are consistent with the Metropolitan Council's development

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guide. The Metropolitan Council is required by January 15 each year to adopt these municipal housing goals by resolution after a public hearing.

The amendments in this section would authorize the council to adopt the housing goals through action by the Metropolitan Council's governing body, removing the public hearing requirement. The amendments also remove references to the year 1996 and make other language modernization updates.

3 Distribution of funds.

This section removes the local match requirement for a distribution of funds for the Livable Communities affordable rental housing program.

4 Allocation formula.

Requires the implementing agencies of the Metropolitan Regional Parks System (the counties of Anoka, Washington, Ramsey, Scott, Carver, Dakota, the city of St. Paul, the city of Bloomington, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and the Three Rivers Park District) to submit their expenditures from the most recent annual audited financial statements to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission. Under current law, implementing agencies are required to submit the previous year's actual expenditures.

The due date for the annual submission is also changed from July 1 to May 15.

5 Expiration by authority.

This section changes the timing for certain planning and zoning actions for the expiration of metropolitan agricultural preserves by the planning and zoning authority over metropolitan preserves land. Current law requires that planning and zoning amendments occur before an authority initiates the notice of expiration to the landowner. The bill would require the authority to amend the planning and zoning for the land within six months of issuing the notice of expiration.



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