

A bill for an act
relating to housing; modifying municipality rent control provisions; amending
Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 471.9996, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 471.9996, subdivision 1, is amended to
read:

Subdivision 1. **In general.** No statutory or home rule charter city, county, or
town may adopt or renew by ordinance or otherwise any law to control rents on private
residential property except as provided in subdivision 2. This section does not impair the
right of any statutory or home rule charter city, county, or town:

(1) to manage or control property in which it has a financial interest through a
housing authority or similar agency;

(2) to manage or control property to which it is providing public assistance and for
a period of time consistent with the term of the public assistance. For purposes of this
section, public assistance is defined as direct subsidies, low-interest loans, tax credits,
bonds, and infrastructure development. The public assistance must be governed by an
agreement between the governmental unit and the developer or owner and specify the term
of the public assistance;

(3) to contract with a property owner;

~~(3)~~ (4) to act as required or authorized by laws or regulations of the United States
government or this state; or

~~(4)~~ (5) to mediate between property owners and tenants for the purpose of
negotiating rents.