

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

**S.F. No. 998**

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/07/2019	302	Introduction and first reading Referred to Local Government
02/27/2019	561	Author added Jasinski
03/14/2019	976a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections
03/25/2019	1264	Author stricken Carlson
04/08/2019	2247a	Comm report: To pass as amended Joint rule 2.03, referred to Rules and Administration
04/11/2019		Joint rule 2.03 Suspended adopt previous committee report Second reading

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to cities; allowing a city to request a written estimate before hiring a private
- 1.3 consultant; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 471.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **[471.462] WRITTEN ESTIMATE OF CONSULTANT FEES.**
- 1.6 (a) Before a city engages a consultant to assist it with reviewing an application for a
- 1.7 permit, license, or other approval relating to real estate development or construction, an
- 1.8 applicant may request a written nonbinding estimate of the consulting fees to be charged
- 1.9 to the applicant based on information available at that time. If the applicant requests the
- 1.10 estimate, the application shall not be deemed complete until the city has: (1) provided an
- 1.11 estimate to the applicant, (2) received the required application fees, as specified by the city,
- 1.12 (3) received a signed acceptance of the fee estimate from the applicant, and (4) received a
- 1.13 signed statement that the applicant has not relied on the estimate of fees in its decision to
- 1.14 proceed with the final application from the applicant.
- 1.15 (b) Before a city commences review of a complete application for a permit, license, or
- 1.16 other approval in accordance with section 15.99, it may require the applicant's written
- 1.17 acceptance of the actual fees to be charged by the city's consultant.