

main by the acquiring authority. Prior to execution of the waiver agreement by the owner-occupant, the acquiring authority shall explain the contents thereof to the owner-occupant.

Any waiver not voluntarily agreed to is invalid, and the burden of proof shall be upon the acquiring authority to show that the agreement was entered into voluntarily. A statement at trial by a witness not involved in the acquisition of the property, that the contents of the waiver agreement were explained to the owner-occupant in a manner understandable to the owner-occupant, describing the method of explanation, that the owner-occupant appeared to understand the terms and conditions of the waiver agreement, that no express or implied threats of taking the property by eminent domain, or any other threats intended to induce the owner-occupant to waive his or her relocation assistance benefits, were made to the owner-occupant by any employee or official of the acquiring authority throughout the entire process of acquisition of the property, and that the owner-occupant appeared to voluntarily enter into the agreement, shall, unless decided otherwise by the court, shift the burden of proof to the person claiming that the agreement was not entered into voluntarily.

Subd. 2. The owner of a rental property whose property is being acquired through negotiation as a result of either subdivision 1, clause (a) or (b), may waive only his right to relocation assistance, services, payments and benefits as outlined in subdivision 1, and non-owner occupants of the property being acquired shall receive all relocation assistance, services, payments and benefits for which they are eligible, notwithstanding the provision of subdivision 1.

Subd. 3. The provisions of subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section shall not apply to the acquisition of properties situated wholly or in part within any district for development authorized under Laws 1971, Chapters 548 or 677; or Laws 1973, Chapters 196, 761, or 764; or Laws 1974, Chapter 485; or Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 462, or 458.

Subd. 4. The provisions of this act shall not limit any existing rights to waive relocation benefits.

Approved February 20, 1976.

CHAPTER 11—S.F.No.370

An act relating to solemnization of marriage; authorizing solemnization of marriage among Native Americans by Indian holy men; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 517.18.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 517.18, is amended to read:

517.18 MARRIAGE; SOLEMNIZATION. Subdivision 1. All marriages solemnized among the people called Friends or Quakers, in the form heretofore practiced and in use in their meetings, shall be valid and not affected by any of the foregoing provisions ; ~~and~~. The clerk of the meeting in which such marriage is solemnized, within one month after any such marriage, shall deliver a certificate of the same to the clerk of the district court of the county where the marriage took place, under penalty of not more than \$100 ; ~~and~~. Such certificate shall be filed and recorded by the clerk under a like penalty ; ~~and~~. If such marriage does not take place in such meeting, such certificate shall be signed by the parties and at least six witnesses present, and shall be filed and recorded as above provided under a like penalty ; ~~and~~.

Subd. 2. Marriages may be solemnized among members of the Baha'i faith by the Chairman of an incorporated local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is, according to the form and usage of such society ; ~~and~~.

Subd. 3. Marriages may be solemnized among Hindus or Muslims by the person chosen by a local Hindu or Muslim association, according to the form and usage of their respective religions ; ~~but in the presence of at least two witnesses besides the person performing the ceremony; and who shall issue and record a certificate thereof as provided by Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 517.10 .~~

Subd. 4. Marriages may be solemnized among Native Americans according to the form and usage of their religion by an Indian Mide' or holy man chosen by the parties to the marriage.

Subd. 5. Nothing in subdivisions 2, 3 or 4 shall be construed to alter the requirements of sections 517.01, 517.09 or 517.10.

Sec. 2. This act is effective on and after the day following its final enactment.

Approved February 20, 1976.

CHAPTER 12—S.F.No.1405

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the city of Edina; establishing terms for certain municipal offices.

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