

## CHAPTER 84—S.F.No. 480

*An act relating to the city of Duluth; authorizing the city to prepare, adopt, and amend design districts and a design framework to establish a design advisory committee, and to establish design review procedures to preserve and enhance the city's appearance and environmental quality.*

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

**Section 1. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF DESIGN DISTRICTS AND DESIGN FRAMEWORK.**

To preserve and enhance the environmental quality of the city of Duluth, the city may do the following.

(a) The city council may by ordinance after recommendation from its planning commission and after a public hearing, notice of which shall have been published in a newspaper of general circulation for at least three weeks before the date of the public hearing, adopt or amend design districts and design framework to be subject to special controls of the types authorized by this act.

(b) The design framework adopted by the city council may include a compilation of design policies, goals, standards, principles, visual forms and images, and action programs to guide the future development of public and private property within the design districts.

(c) Design districts may include designated corridors along freeways and other major thoroughfares, historic areas, areas abutting major educational and cultural institutions, areas abutting Lake Superior and St. Louis Bay, major parks and parkways, the riverfronts, the central business district, areas abutting major transportation terminals, major public facilities, major community business districts, and other areas that the planning commission and city council find to be especially significant to the preservation of the visual character and environmental quality of the city.

**Sec. 2. TECHNICAL DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

The Duluth city council shall, if it exercises the authority granted under section 1, by ordinance create a technical design advisory committee. Its members shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. The committee shall review the public and private improvements within the design district for compliance with the design framework. The persons appointed to the committee should be knowledgeable in the matter of environment design by virtue of their interests, training, and experience.

**Sec. 3. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS.**

The Duluth city council shall, if it exercises the authority granted under section 1, by ordinance provide that no significant improvements, such as buildings or other structures, site improvements, or signs, shall be erected,

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altered, restored, moved, or made within the design districts until after a certificate of appropriateness is issued by the city. The ordinance shall provide that before a certificate of appropriateness is issued, the plans for the proposed improvement shall be submitted to the technical design advisory committee for review as to compliance with the design framework. The ordinance shall also provide for a right of appeal to the city council if the committee finds that a proposed improvement is not in compliance with the design framework.

· Sec. 4. **LOCAL APPROVAL.**

· This act is effective the day after compliance by the governing body of the city of Duluth with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3.

Approved May 11, 1987

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**CHAPTER 85—S.F.No. 673**

*An act relating to human services; allowing the use of certain professional standards for chemical dependency professionals; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 254A.16, by adding a subdivision.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 254A.16, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS. The commissioner may by rule adopt any or all of the standards for chemical dependency professionals established by the Institute for Chemical Dependency Professionals of Minnesota, Inc. when professional standards are necessary in the regulation of chemical dependency programs, treatment facilities, or services or whenever the commissioner may require individuals involved in providing chemical dependency treatment to be qualified and have demonstrated competence in assessment and treatment skills. The commissioner may also by rule provide that persons certified by the Institute for Chemical Dependency Professionals of Minnesota, Inc., are deemed competent to perform the functions of chemical dependency professionals.

· Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

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