



**S.F. No. 1190, 1st Engrossment - 87th Legislative Session (2011-2012) [S1190-1]**

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 394.25, is amended by adding a subdivision  
2.2 to read:

2.3 Subd. 3d. **Vacation rental of residential property.** The use of residential property  
2.4 for vacation rental must be considered a permitted single family or permitted multifamily  
2.5 residential use of property for the purpose of zoning, except that a county may license  
2.6 that use as rental housing or may require the owner of such property to register the  
2.7 property with the county.

2.8 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 462.357, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.9 Subdivision 1. **Authority for zoning.** For the purpose of promoting the public  
2.10 health, safety, morals, and general welfare, a municipality may by ordinance regulate  
2.11 on the earth's surface, in the air space above the surface, and in subsurface areas, the  
2.12 location, height, width, bulk, type of foundation, number of stories, size of buildings  
2.13 and other structures, the percentage of lot which may be occupied, the size of yards and  
2.14 other open spaces, the density and distribution of population, the uses of buildings and  
2.15 structures for trade, industry, residence, recreation, public activities, or other purposes,  
2.16 and the uses of land for trade, industry, residence, recreation, agriculture, forestry, soil  
2.17 conservation, water supply conservation, conservation of shorelands, as defined in  
2.18 sections 103F.201 to 103F.221, access to direct sunlight for solar energy systems as  
2.19 defined in section 216C.06, flood control or other purposes, and may establish standards  
2.20 and procedures regulating such uses. To accomplish these purposes, official controls may  
2.21 include provision for purchase of development rights by the governing body in the form of  
2.22 conservation easements under chapter 84C in areas where the governing body considers  
2.23 preservation desirable and the transfer of development rights from those areas to areas the  
2.24 governing body considers more appropriate for development. No regulation may prohibit  
2.25 earth sheltered construction as defined in section 216C.06, subdivision 14, relocated  
2.26 residential buildings, use of residential property for vacation rental, or manufactured  
2.27 homes built in conformance with sections 327.31 to 327.35 that comply with all other  
2.28 zoning ordinances promulgated pursuant to this section. The regulations may divide the  
2.29 surface, above surface, and subsurface areas of the municipality into districts or zones of  
2.30 suitable numbers, shape, and area. The regulations shall be uniform for each class or kind  
2.31 of buildings, structures, or land and for each class or kind of use throughout such district,  
2.32 but the regulations in one district may differ from those in other districts. The ordinance  
2.33 embodying these regulations shall be known as the zoning ordinance and shall consist of  
2.34 text and maps. A city may by ordinance extend the application of its zoning regulations to  
2.35 unincorporated territory located within two miles of its limits in any direction, but not

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3.1 in a county or town which has adopted zoning regulations; provided that where two or  
3.2 more noncontiguous municipalities have boundaries less than four miles apart, each is  
3.3 authorized to control the zoning of land on its side of a line equidistant between the two  
3.4 noncontiguous municipalities unless a town or county in the affected area has adopted  
3.5 zoning regulations. Any city may thereafter enforce such regulations in the area to the  
3.6 same extent as if such property were situated within its corporate limits, until the county  
3.7 or town board adopts a comprehensive zoning regulation which includes the area.

3.8 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 462.357, is amended by adding a subdivision  
3.9 to read:

3.10 Subd. 10. **Vacation rental of residential property.** The use of residential property  
3.11 for vacation rental must be considered a permitted single family or permitted multifamily  
3.12 residential use of property for the purpose of zoning, except that a municipality may  
3.13 license such use as rental housing or may require the owner of such property to register  
3.14 the property with the municipality.