

## CHAPTER 472A

## MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

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A municipality may after consultation with its planning agency or planning department and after public hearings, notice of which shall have been published in the official newspaper of the municipality, or if the municipality has no official newspaper, in a newspaper of general distribution within the municipality, designate development districts within the boundaries of the municipality. The municipality shall also provide for relocation pursuant to section 472A.12 and consult with the advisory board created by section 472A.11 before making this designation. Within these districts the municipality may adopt a development program consistent with which the municipality may acquire, construct, reconstruct, improve, alter, extend, operate, maintain, or promote developments aimed at improving the physical facilities, quality of life and quality of transportation. The municipality may acquire land or easements through negotiation or through powers of eminent domain. The municipal council may adopt ordinances regulating traffic in pedestrian skyway systems, public parking structures, and other facilities constructed within the development district. The municipal council may pass ordinances regulating access to pedestrian skyway systems and the conditions under which such access is allowed. The council may designate districts for mined underground space development under sections 472B.03 to 472B.07.

Traffic regulations may include but shall not be limited to direction and speed of traffic, policing of pedestrianways, hours that pedestrianways are open to the public, kinds of service activities that will be allowed in arcades, parks and plazas, fares to be charged on the people movers, and rates to be charged in the parking structures. The municipality shall have the power to require private developers to construct buildings so as to accommodate and support pedestrian systems which are part of the program for the development district. When the municipality requires the developer to construct columns, beams or girders with greater strength than required for normal building purposes, the municipality shall reimburse the developer for the added expense from development district funds. The municipality shall have the authority to install special lighting systems, special street signs and street furniture, special landscaping of streets and public property; to install special snow removal systems; to acquire property for the district; to lease or sell air rights over public buildings and to spend public funds for constructing the foundations and columns in the public buildings strong enough to support the buildings to be constructed on air rights; to lease all or portions of basement, ground and second floors of the public buildings constructed in the district; to negotiate the sale or lease of property for private development if the development is consistent with the development program for the district.

**History:** 1985 c 194 s 27