

## CHAPTER 15

### DEPARTMENTS OF STATE IN GENERAL

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#### 15.0575 ADMINISTRATIVE BOARDS AND AGENCIES.

*[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1988]*

Subd. 3. **Compensation.** Members of the boards must be compensated at the rate of \$48 per day spent on board activities, when authorized by the board, plus expenses in the same manner and amount as authorized by the commissioner's plan adopted under section 43A.18, subdivision 2. Members who, as a result of time spent attending board meetings, incur child care expenses that would not otherwise have been incurred, may be reimbursed for those expenses upon board authorization. Members who are full-time state employees or full-time employees of the political subdivisions of the state may not receive the \$48 per day, but they may suffer no loss in compensation or benefits from the state or a political subdivision as a result of their service on the board. Members who are full-time state employees or full-time employees of the political subdivisions of the state may receive the expenses provided for in this subdivision unless the expenses are reimbursed by another source. Members who are state employees or employees of political subdivisions of the state may be reimbursed for child care expenses only for time spent on board activities that are outside their normal working hours.

*[For text of subds 4 and 5, see M.S.1988]*

**History:** 1989 c 343 s 2

#### 15.059 ADVISORY COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES.

*[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1988]*

Subd. 3. **Compensation.** Members of the advisory councils and committees shall be compensated at the rate of at least \$35 per day spent on council or committee activities, when authorized by the council or committee, plus expenses in the same manner and amount as authorized by the commissioner's plan adopted pursuant to section 43A.18, subdivision 2. The state agency that provides funding for the advisory council or committee may authorize compensation of up to \$48 per day spent on council or committee activities. Members who, as a result of time spent attending council or committee meetings, incur child care expenses that would not otherwise have been incurred, may be reimbursed for those expenses upon council or committee authorization. If members who are state employees or employees of political subdivisions receive the daily compensation, and if the major part of their activities occur during normal working hours for which they are also compensated by the state or political subdivision, the employer shall deduct the daily compensation from the employee's compensation for the day. In no other case shall a member who is an employee of the state or a political subdivision suffer a loss in compensation or benefits from the state or political subdivision as a result of service on the council or committee. Members who are full-time state employees or full-time employees of the political subdivisions of the state may receive the expenses provided for in this section unless the expenses are reimbursed by another source. Members who are state employees or employees of political subdivisions of the state may be reimbursed for child care expenses only for time spent on board activities that are outside their normal working hours.

*[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1988]*

Subd. 5. **Expiration date.** Unless a different date is specified by law, the existence of each advisory council and committee governed by this section shall terminate on June 30, 1993.

*[For text of subd 6, see M.S.1988]*

**History:** 1989 c 343 s 3,4

## **15.50 CAPITOL AREA ARCHITECTURAL AND PLANNING BOARD.**

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1988]*

Subd. 2. (a) The board shall prepare, prescribe, and from time to time amend a comprehensive use plan for the capitol area, herein called the area which shall initially consist of that portion of the city of Saint Paul comprehended within the following boundaries: Beginning at the point of intersection of the centerline of the Arch-Pennsylvania freeway and the centerline of Marion Street, thence southerly along the centerline of Marion Street extended to a point 50 feet south of the south line of Concordia Avenue, thence southeasterly along a line extending 50 feet from the south line of Concordia Avenue to a point 125 feet from the west line of John Ireland Boulevard, thence southwesterly along a line extending 125 feet from the west line of John Ireland Boulevard to the south line of Dayton Avenue, thence northeasterly from the south line of Dayton Avenue to the west line of John Ireland Boulevard, thence northeasterly to the centerline of the intersection of Old Kellogg Boulevard and Summit Avenue, thence northeasterly along the centerline of Summit Avenue to the south line of the right-of-way of the Fifth Street ramp, thence southeasterly along the right-of-way of the Fifth Street ramp to the east line of the right-of-way of Interstate Highway 35-E, thence northeasterly along the east line of the right-of-way of Interstate Highway 35-E to the south line of the right-of-way of Interstate Highway 94, thence easterly along the south line of the right-of-way of Interstate Highway 94 to the west line of St. Peter Street, thence southerly to the south line of Eleventh Street, thence easterly along the south line of Eleventh Street to the west line of Cedar Street, thence southeasterly along the west line of Cedar Street to the centerline of Tenth Street, thence northeasterly along the centerline of Tenth Street to the centerline of Minnesota Street, thence northwesterly along the centerline of Minnesota Street to the centerline of Eleventh Street, thence northeasterly along the centerline of Eleventh Street to the centerline of Jackson Street, thence northwesterly along the centerline of Jackson Street to the centerline of the Arch-Pennsylvania freeway extended, thence westerly along the centerline of the Arch-Pennsylvania freeway extended and Marion Street to the point of origin. Pursuant to the comprehensive plan, or any portion thereof, the board may regulate, by means of zoning rules adopted pursuant to the administrative procedure act, the kind, character, height, and location, of buildings and other structures constructed or used, the size of yards and open spaces, the percentage of lots that may be occupied, and the uses of land, buildings and other structures, within the area. To protect and enhance the dignity, beauty, and architectural integrity of the capitol area, the board is further empowered to include in its zoning rules design review procedures and standards with respect to any proposed construction activities in the capitol area significantly affecting the dignity, beauty, and architectural integrity of the area. No person shall undertake these construction activities as defined in the board's rules in the capitol area without first submitting construction plans to the board, obtained a zoning permit from the board and received a written certification from the board specifying that the person has complied with all design review procedures and standards. Violation of the zoning rules is a misdemeanor. The board may, at its option, proceed to abate any violation by injunction. The board and the city of St. Paul shall cooperate in assuring that the area adjacent to the capitol area is developed in a manner that is in keeping with the purpose of the board and the provisions of the comprehensive plan.

(b) The commissioner of administration shall act as a consultant to the board with regard to the physical structural needs of the state. The commissioner shall make studies and report the results to the board when they request reports for their planning purpose.

(c) No public building, street, parking lot, or monument, or other construction shall be built or altered on any public lands within the area unless the plans for the same conforms to the comprehensive use plan as specified in clause (d) and to the requirement for competitive plans as specified in clause (e). No alteration substantially changing the external appearance of any existing public building approved in the comprehensive plan or the exterior or interior design of any proposed new public building the plans for which were secured by competition under clause (e), may be made without the prior consent of the board. The commissioner of administration shall consult with the board regarding internal changes having the effect of substantially altering the architecture of the interior of any proposed building.

(d) The comprehensive plan shall show the existing land uses and recommend future uses including: areas for public taking and use; zoning for private land and criteria for development of public land, including building areas and open spaces; vehicular and pedestrian circulation; utilities systems; vehicular storage; elements of landscape architecture. No substantial alteration or improvement shall be made to public lands or buildings in the area save with the written approval of the board.

(e) The board shall secure by competitions, plans for any new public building. Plans for any comprehensive plan, landscaping scheme, street plan, or property acquisition, which may be proposed, or for any proposed alteration of any existing public building, landscaping scheme or street plan may be secured by a similar competition. Such competition shall be conducted under rules prescribed by the board and may be of any type which meets the competition standards of the American Institute of Architects. Designs selected shall become the property of the state of Minnesota and the board may award one or more premiums in each such competition and may pay such costs and fees as may be required for the conduct thereof. At the option of the board, plans for projects estimated to cost less than \$1,000,000 may be approved without competition provided such plans have been considered by the advisory committee described in clause (f). Plans for projects estimated to cost less than \$400,000 and for construction of streets need not be considered by the advisory committee if in conformity with the comprehensive plan.

(f) The board shall not adopt any plan under clause (e) unless it first receives the comments and criticism of an advisory committee of three persons, each of whom is either an architect or a planner, who have been selected and appointed as follows: one by the board of the arts, one by the board, and one by the Minnesota Society of the American Institute of Architects. Members of the committee shall not be contestants under clause (e). The comments and criticism shall be a matter of public information. The committee shall advise the board on all architectural and planning matters. For that purpose:

(1) the committee shall be kept currently informed concerning, and have access to, all data, including all plans, studies, reports and proposals, relating to the area as the same are developed or in the process of preparation whether by the commissioner of administration, the commissioner of trade and economic development, the metropolitan council, the city of Saint Paul, or by any architect, planner, agency or organization, public or private, retained by the board or not retained and engaged in any work or planning relating to the area. A copy of any such data prepared by any public employee or agency shall be filed with the board promptly upon completion;

(2) the board may employ such stenographic or technical help as may be reasonable to assist the committee to perform its duties;

(3) when so directed by the board, the committee may serve as, and any member or members thereof may serve on, the jury or as professional advisor for any architectural competition. The board shall select the architectural advisor and jurors for any competition with the advice of the committee; and

(4) the city of St. Paul shall advise the board.

(g) The comprehensive plan for the area shall be developed and maintained in close cooperation with the commissioner of trade and economic development and the planning department and the council for the city of Saint Paul and the board of the arts, and no such plan or amendment thereof shall be effective without 90 days' notice to the planning department of the city of Saint Paul and the board of the arts.

(h) The board and the commissioner of administration jointly, shall prepare, prescribe, and from time to time revise standards and policies governing the repair, alteration, furnishing, appearance and cleanliness of the public and ceremonial areas of the state capitol building. Pursuant to this power, the board shall consult with and receive advice from the director of the Minnesota state historical society regarding the historic fidelity of plans for the capitol building. The standards and policies developed as herein provided shall be binding upon the commissioner of administration. The provisions of sections 14.02, 14.04 to 14.36, 14.38, and 14.44 to 14.45 shall not apply to this clause.

(i) The board in consultation with the commissioner of administration shall prepare and submit to the legislature and the governor no later than October 1 of each even-numbered year a report on the status of implementation of the comprehensive plan together with a program for capital improvements and site development, and the commissioner of administration shall provide the necessary cost estimates for the program.

(j) The state shall, by the attorney general upon the recommendation of the board and within appropriations available for that purpose, acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain proceedings any real property situated in the area described in this section and it shall also have the power to acquire an interest less than a fee simple interest in the property, if it finds that it is needed for future expansion or beautification of the area.

(k) The board is the successor of the state veterans' service building commission, and as such may adopt rules and may reenact the rules adopted by its predecessor under Laws 1945, chapter 315, and acts amendatory thereof.

(l) The board shall meet at the call of the chair and at such other times as it may prescribe.

(m) The commissioner of administration shall assign quarters in the state veterans service building to (1) the department of veterans affairs of which such part as the commissioner of administration and commissioner of veterans affairs may mutually determine shall be on the first floor above the ground and (2) the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, United Spanish War Veterans, and Veterans of World War I, and their auxiliaries, incorporated, or when incorporated, under the laws of the state, and (3) as space becomes available to such other state departments and agencies as the commissioner may deem desirable.

*[For text of subds 2a to 7, see M.S.1988]*

**History:** 1989 c 335 art 1 s 57

## **15.85 DISCIPLINE FOR RACIAL HARASSMENT.**

It is the policy of this state that each public employee has the right to work in an environment free from harassment based on race or disability and that any public employee who harasses another public employee because of disability, race, creed, color, or national origin will be subject to disciplinary action, including discharge.

**History:** 1989 c 96 s 1