



March 2, 2021

Re: HF 1484 – Micro unit dwellings authorized at sacred settlements.

Chair Schultz and members of the House Human Services Finance and Policy Committee:

The League of Minnesota Cities appreciates the opportunity to comment on the city concerns with H.F. 1484. Housing instability and homelessness is a growing concern in the State of Minnesota and in cities across the state. Providing solutions and adequate resources to address housing instability and homelessness is a goal that is shared by Minnesota cities and cities continue to work diligently to address this important issue.

The current language in H.F. 1484 creates a number of questions and concerns for cities, primarily around local land use planning and zoning authorities and how they are used to balance land use desires of all residents and property owners and to preserve city ability to protect public health, safety, and welfare more so than around state health policy.

We have been working with the bill author and proponents to look at ways their objectives might be addressed without causing unintended consequences and to hopefully find some suitable compromise on areas where we differ in our approach. We will continue to do so as the bill progresses. Thank you for spending time discussing this issue and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Daniel Lightfoot'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'D' and 'L'.

Daniel Lightfoot
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League of Minnesota Cities