

MOORHEAD

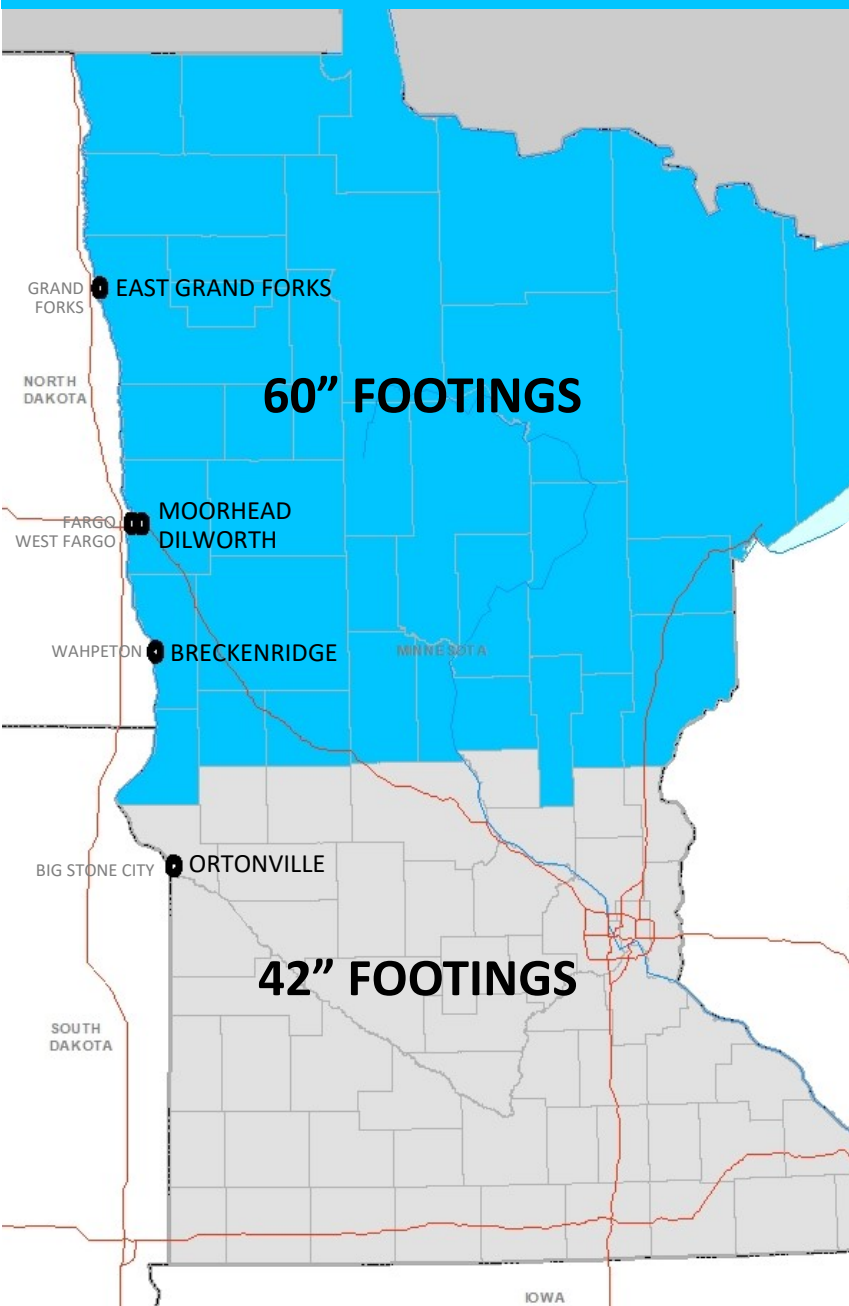
MINNESOTA

MN Border Cities

Reduce Housing Construction Cost
No Compromise in Quality or Safety

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST:

Border Cities, as defined by statute, request the authority to adopt frost footing depths equal to the requirements of a contiguous city in a neighboring state and no less than the Zone II depths in MN code.



6" = \$3,000 for MN Border City homebuyers

- Minnesota Residential Building Code footing depths are either 42 inches or 60 inches, based on location—60 inches in Border Cities of Moorhead, Dilworth, and Breckenridge. Adjacent ND cities of Fargo and Wahpeton building codes allow a minimum 54-inch footing depth and cause no quality concerns.
- The cost to comply with the additional 6-inch footing depth requirement is \$3,000 on average for each single family home and adds no value to the home. A 54-inch footing depth is a proven performance standard in adjacent Border Cities—same climate, same geography. **There is no compromise to housing quality.**

Level the playing field for homebuyers in MN/ND metro areas:

- Save every new homebuyer \$3,000 in Moorhead, Dilworth and Breckenridge without compromising quality by reducing the footing depth by just 6 inches—equivalent to Fargo and Wahpeton ND.

This Border City Code modification will allow Minnesota to compete with North Dakota:

- **More residents**
- **More taxpayers**
- **More property tax base**



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