

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to cities; requiring a city, if asked, to provide a written estimate of certain

1.3 fees to be paid by an applicant for a permit, license, or other approval relating to

1.4 real estate; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 471.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[471.462] WRITTEN ESTIMATE OF CONSULTANT FEES.**

1.7 For the purposes of this section, "city" means a home rule charter or statutory city. When

1.8 an applicant applies for a permit, license, or other approval relating to real estate development

1.9 or construction, the applicant may request that the city provide a written nonbinding estimate

1.10 of the consulting fees to be charged to the applicant based on information available at that

1.11 time. If the applicant requests the estimate, the application shall not be deemed complete

1.12 until the city has:

- 1.13 (1) provided an estimate to the applicant;
- 1.14 (2) received the required application fees, as specified by the city;
- 1.15 (3) received a signed acceptance of the fee estimate from the applicant; and
- 1.16 (4) received a signed statement that the applicant has not relied on the estimate of fees
- 1.17 in its decision to proceed with the final application from the applicant.