

Subject Sacred settlements of micro dwellings

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Overview

This bill sets requirements for placing permanent micro unit dwellings surrounding a religious institution as a sacred settlement. It enumerates technical standards for such dwellings, requires access to utility services, and applies municipal regulations and permitting according to established rules for residential development.

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1	[327.30] Sacred settlements and micro unit dwellings.
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Subd. 1. Definitions. Provides definitions for the section, including that “sacred settlement” means a residential settlement on the grounds of a religious institution primarily for the purpose of providing permanent housing for homeless or very low-income persons or for staff and volunteers.

Subd. 2. Micro unit requirements. Requires for placement in a sacred settlement that the micro unit must:

- 1) be no more than 400 gross square feet;
- 2) be attached to a permanent foundation that meets the State Building Code or be built on a permanent chassis and anchored according to the requirements for manufactured homes;
- 3) have exterior materials very similar to those used in standard residential construction;
- 4) have a minimum insulation rating of R-15;
- 5) have a dry, compostable, or plumbed toilet;
- 6) be built to the requirements of either: (i) Minnesota Rules, chapter 1360 or 1361, and have an Industrialized Building Commission seal and data plate; (ii) Appendix Q as incorporated in the State Building Code; or (iii) American National Standards Institute Code 119.2; and

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- 7) be installed in a sacred settlement meeting the requirements of this section and any municipal regulations.

Subd. 3. Sacred settlement. Requires sacred settlements to provide residents with access to water and electric service either via connection to the utilities serving the principal building on the lot, or other similar means, or by providing residents access to permanent common facilities for toilet, bathing, and laundry comparable to what would be required for a dependent mobile home park of similar capacity, as well as common kitchen facilities. Requires also that the sacred settlement meet municipal standards for dependent mobile home parks, cluster housing, or planned unit developments with respect to all regulations applicable to residential development.

Subd. 4. Micro unit dwelling permit; application. Makes sacred settlements subject to municipal approval and regulation as a permitted use, conditional use, or planned unit development, as determined by the municipality.



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