

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB679

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 21, 2014
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Mello
One Liner: Change notice requirements relating to zoning, redevelopment projects, and neighborhood associations

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Coash, Crawford, Karpisek, Krist, Lautenbaugh, McGill
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Ashford
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:
Senator Heath Mello
Mike Battershull
Jack Cheloha

Representing:
Self
Omaha/United Neighbors of Omaha
City of Omaha

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 679 changes the requirements for municipalities providing notice of zoning and redevelopment plan changes to neighborhood associations.

Comments/Analysis:

Section one amends Neb.Rev.Stat. 14-420 by requiring that the initial notice of a proposed zoning change to a specific property be sent at least ten working days prior to the hearing to any registered neighborhood association when the subject property is located within the boundary of the area of concern of the association. It requires the notice to be sent in the manner requested by the association, whether by email, or regular, certified, or registered mail, and requires the association provide the name and contact information for the individual who is to receive such notice on behalf of the association. The statutes amended in chapter 14 exclusively govern cities of the Metropolitan Class.

Section two of the bill amends Neb.Rev.Stat. 18-2115, which is applicable to cities and villages of all classes, and requires the governing body of a city holding a public hearing on any redevelopment plan to provide notice of the hearing at least ten days prior to the hearing to each registered neighborhood association whose area of representation is located in whole or in part within a one-mile radius of the area to be redeveloped in the manner requested by the association. It also allows for the association to designate the manner in which it chooses to receive such notice, whether by email, or regular, certified, or registered mail, and requires each neighborhood association desiring to receive notice of hearing to provide the description of the area of representation of the association, and the name and contact information for the individual designated by the association to receive the notice on its behalf.

Amanda McGill, Chairperson