

CHAPTER 125

ENERGY CONSERVATION AND SOLAR ACCESS

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AN ACT including energy conservation and solar access as objectives of city and county zoning regulations.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 358A.5, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

Such regulations shall be made in accordance with a comprehensive plan and designed to lessen congestion in the street or highway; to secure safety from fire, flood, panic, and other dangers; to protect health and the general welfare; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent the overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to promote the conservation of energy resources; to promote reasonable access to solar energy; to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks and other public requirements. However, provisions of this section relating to the objectives of energy conservation and access to solar energy shall not be construed as voiding any zoning regulation existing on the effective date of this Act, or to require zoning in a county that did not have zoning prior to the effective date of this Act.

Sec. 2. Section 414.3, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

Such regulations shall be made in accordance with a comprehensive plan and designed to lessen congestion in the street; to secure safety from fire, flood, panic, and other dangers; to promote health and the general welfare; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent the overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to promote the conservation of energy resources; to promote reasonable access to solar energy; to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks, and other public requirements. However, provisions of this section relating to the objectives of energy conservation and access to solar energy shall not be construed as voiding any zoning regulation existing on the effective date of this Act, or to require zoning in a city that did not have zoning prior to the effective date of this Act.

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