Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Wayne, 13, Chairperson; Crawford, 45; Hansen, 26; Howard, 9; Larson, 40; Quick, 35; Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities of the first class; to amend sections 16-622, 16-623, 16-901, and 16-902, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to change provisions relating to improvement districts and extraterritorial zoning jurisdictions; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 16-622, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, is amended to read:

16-622 The cost of making improvements of the streets and alleys within any improvement district created pursuant to section 16-619 or 16-624 shall be assessed upon the lots and lands in such districts specially benefited thereby in proportion to such benefits. The amounts thereof shall, except as provided in sections 19-2428 to 19-2431, be determined by the mayor and city council under section 16-615. The assessment of the special tax for the cost of such improvements, except as provided in this section, shall be levied at one time and shall become delinquent in equal annual installments over such period of years, not to exceed twenty, as the mayor and city council may determine at the time of making the levy, the first such installment to become delinquent in fifty days after the date of such levy. Each installment, including those for graveling and the construction and replacement of pedestrian walks, plazas, malls, landscaping, lighting systems, and permanent facilities used in connection therewith as provided in this section, except the first, shall draw interest at a rate established by the mayor and city council not exceeding the rate of interest specified in section 45-104.01, as such rate may from time to time be adjusted by the Legislature, from the time of levy until the levy becomes delinquent. After the levy becomes delinquent, interest at the rate specified in section 45-104.01, as such rate may from time to time be adjusted by the Legislature, shall be paid thereon. Should there be three or more installments delinquent and unpaid on the same property the mayor and city council may by resolution declare all future installments on such delinquent property to be due on a future fixed date. The resolution shall set forth the description of the property and the names of its record title owners and shall provide that the special taxes and assessments shall constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the bonds. The entire cost of improving any such street, avenue, or alley, properly chargeable to any such improvement district, according to the front footage thereof, may be paid by the owners of such lots or lands within fifty days from the levying of such special taxes, and thereofupon such lot or lands shall be exempt from any lien or charge therefor.

Sec. 2. Section 16-623, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, is amended to read:

16-623 For the purpose of paying the cost of improving the streets, avenues, or alleys in an improvement district created pursuant to section 16-619 or 16-624, exclusive of intersections of streets or avenues, or spaces opposite alleys therein, the mayor and city council shall have power and may, by ordinance, cause to be issued bonds of the city, to be called Street Improvement Bonds of District No. ______, payable in not exceeding twenty years from date, and bearing interest, payable either annually or semiannually, with interest coupons attached. In such cases they shall also provide that the special taxes and assessments shall constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the bonds. The entire cost of improving any such street, avenue, or alley, properly chargeable to any such improvement district, according to the front footage thereof, may be paid by the owners of such lots or lands within fifty days from the levying of such special taxes, and thereofupon such lot or lands shall be exempt from any lien or charge therefor.

Sec. 3. Section 16-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, is amended to read:

16-901 (1) Except as provided in section 13-327 and subsection (2) of this section, the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of a city of the first class shall consist of the unincorporated area two miles beyond and adjacent to its corporate boundaries.

(2) For purposes of sections 70-1001 to 70-1020, the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of a city of the first class shall consist of the unincorporated area one mile beyond and adjacent to its corporate boundaries.

(3) Any city of the first class may apply by ordinance any existing or future zoning regulations, property use regulations, building ordinances, electrical ordinances, plumbing ordinances, and ordinances authorized by section 16-240 within its extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction with the same force and effect as if such area were within the corporate limits of the city.
except that no such ordinance shall be extended or applied so as to prohibit, prevent, or interfere with the conduct of existing farming, livestock operations, businesses, or industry. The fact that the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction is located in a different county or counties than some or all portions of the municipality shall not be construed as affecting the powers of the city to apply such ordinances.

(4)(a) A city of the first class shall provide written notice to the county board of the county in which the city’s two-mile extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction is located when proposing to adopt or amend a zoning ordinance which affects the city’s two-mile extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction within such county. The written notice of the proposed change to the zoning ordinance shall be sent to the county board or its designee at least thirty days prior to the final decision by the city. The county board may submit comments or recommendations regarding the change in the zoning ordinance at the public hearings on the proposed change or directly to the city within thirty days after receiving such notice. The city may make its final decision (i) upon the expiration of the thirty days following the notice or (ii) when the county board submits comments or recommendations, if any, to the city prior to the expiration of the thirty days following the notice.

(b) Subdivision (4)(a) of this section does not apply to a city of the first class (i) located in a county with a population in excess of one hundred thousand inhabitants or (ii) if the city and the county have a joint planning commission or joint planning department.

Sec. 4. Section 16-902, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, is amended to read:

16-902 (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a city of the first class may designate by ordinance the portion of the territory located within its extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction and outside of any other organized city or village within which the designating city will exercise the powers and duties granted by sections 16-902 to 16-904 or section 19-2402.

(2) No owner of any real property located within the area designated by a city pursuant to subsection (1) or (4) of this section may subdivide, plat, or lay out such real property in building lots, streets, or other portions of the same intended to be dedicated for public use or for the use of the purchasers or owners of lots fronting thereon or adjacent thereto without first having obtained the approval of the city council of such city or its agent designated pursuant to section 19-916 and, when applicable, having complied with sections 39-1311 to 39-1311.05. The fact that such real property is located in a different county or counties than some or all portions of the city shall not be construed as affecting the necessity of obtaining the approval of the city council of such city or its designated agent.

(3) In counties that (a) have adopted a comprehensive development plan which meets the requirements of section 23-114.02 and (b) are enforcing subdivision regulations, the county planning commission shall be provided with all available materials on any proposed subdivision plat, contemplating public streets or improvements, which is filed with a city of the first class in that county, when such proposed plat lies partially or totally within the portion of that city’s extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction where the powers and duties granted by sections 16-902 to 16-904 are being exercised by that city in such county. The commission shall be given four weeks to officially comment on the appropriateness of the design and improvements proposed in the plat. The review period for the commission shall run concurrently with subdivision review activities of the city after the commission receives all available material for a proposed subdivision plat.

(4) If a city of the first class receives approval for the cession and transfer of additional extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction under section 13-327, such city may designate by ordinance the portion of the territory located within its extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction two miles of the corporate limits of the city and outside of any other organized city or village within which the designating city will exercise the powers and duties granted by sections 16-902 to 16-904 or section 19-2402 and shall include territory ceded under section 13-327 within such designation.

Sec. 5. Original sections 16-622, 16-623, 16-901, and 16-902, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, are repealed.