

**SENATE BILL NO. 2180  
with House Amendments  
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Sixty-third  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

Introduced by

Senators Murphy, Andrist, Campbell, Luick

Representatives Kreidt, Vigesaa

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 58-03 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the issuance of building permits by townships.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 58-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Building permit - Decision within sixty days of application.**

- 7 1. A township that regulates the construction, erection, reconstruction, repair, or  
8 alteration of buildings and structures and issues building permits shall respond to a  
9 building permit application within sixty days of receiving the application either by  
10 approving the application and delivering the building permit or by providing the  
11 applicant written notice of the grounds for rejection of the application.
- 12 2. If the building or structure for which a permit is requested meets all applicable zoning  
13 regulations and the board of township supervisors or other appropriate official fails to  
14 respond as required under subsection 1, the application is deemed to be approved  
15 and the applicant may proceed with the construction, erection, reconstruction, repair,  
16 or alteration of the building or structure and the township shall return any permit fee  
17 submitted with the application.
- 18 3. A township's building permit application form must include a statement that if the  
19 building or structure for which the permit is requested meets all applicable zoning  
20 regulations and the board of township supervisors or other appropriate official fails to  
21 respond within sixty days of receiving the application, the application is deemed  
22 approved. Upon receipt of a building permit application, a township shall note on the  
23 application the date of receipt and shall provide a copy of the submitted application to  
24 the applicant with the date of receipt noted.