



**House Committee on Local Government
Hearing on House Bill HB 2025
Hearing Date – Wednesday, January 29, 2025**

**Written Testimony regarding HB 2025 on behalf of the City of Manhattan
By Danielle Dulin, City Manager**

Good afternoon, Chair Bergquist, Vice Chair Blex, and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Local Government.

The City of Manhattan (“City”) opposes HB 2025. HB 2025 seeks to repeal subdivision regulations for cities to land outside of but within three miles of city limits. The City of Manhattan opposes this bill as it removes an important protection for cities.

- HB 2025 eliminates extraterritorial jurisdiction. Extraterritorial jurisdiction allows a city to apply its zoning and subdivision regulations in the areas abutting the city. Extraterritorial jurisdiction ensures that adjacent land uses and public infrastructure are compatible with the city to allow for consistent, effective development of the region.
- Extraterritorial jurisdiction fosters more efficient growth and can boost local economies. If streets and utilities in extraterritorial areas are already compatible with municipal standards, then businesses can expand into these areas more quickly and cost effectively.
- If an unannexed area is already developed to municipal standards, then the taxpayers do not have to spend additional money improving infrastructure when areas join the city.
- Extraterritorial jurisdiction also helps protect public utility infrastructure by ensuring that these unannexed areas that are often served by municipal utilities are up to health and safety standards.
- For decades, the City of Manhattan and Riley County have effectively collaborated to apply City regulations to the areas within a three-mile radius of the City limits.

For all the reasons stated above, the City of Manhattan opposes HB 2025, and asks the Committee to reject consideration of this legislation. Thank you for your time and consideration.