

**URBAN HOMESTEADING ON VACANT LAND ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 129 of 1999**

**125.2745 Deeding property to applicant; conditions to receiving ownership.**

Sec. 5. (1) If the applicant substantially meets the criteria in section 4 and receives a commitment to finance construction on the property, the local governmental unit shall deed that property to the applicant for \$1.00.

(2) As a condition of receiving ownership of the property under this section, the applicant shall do both of the following:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in a mortgage agreement with an entity that takes a mortgage on the property, maintain and regularly fund an escrow account with the local governmental unit for the payment of property taxes and insurance on the property.

(b) Agree to deed the property back to the local governmental unit if the home is not constructed or not in the process of being constructed within 1 year from the date of the transfer. The local governmental unit may enforce this provision with the use of a deed restriction or other restriction in the chain of title.

**History:** 1999, Act 129, Imd. Eff. July 23, 1999.