

such cities are hereby authorized and empowered to levy assessments, in like manner, as other assessments for local improvements are made in such city, against the abutting property for the cost of the construction of such water main or other public improvement, notwithstanding the provisions of the city charter or other governing act of such cities to the contrary, and whether or not there has been an attempted levy of assessments against such abutting property. Provided however that this act shall not authorize a double assessment against the same property for the same improvement.

The foregoing provisions of this act as to refunding advancements for such public improvements and the right to levy assessments therefor shall not be affected by the lapse of time or the statute of limitations.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 10, 1917.

CHAPTER 190—H. F. No. 775.

An act relating to building within certain cities, authorizing inspectors to examine buildings and authorizing and empowering the governing bodies of such cities to provide for inspection and regulation of buildings and construction work.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. City council authorized to provide regulations and penalties for fire protection.—That the city council or other governing body of each city in this state which now has or hereafter may have 20,000, and not more than 50,000 inhabitants, is hereby authorized and empowered to enact, adopt, repeal and amend, and to provide penalties for the violation of, any and all regulations, rules, resolutions and ordinances, not inconsistent with the laws of this state, relating to building within such city, and the planning, construction, repair, maintenance, fire protection and all other matters relating to buildings within such city.

For the purposes of this act the population of each city of this state shall be ascertained and determined according to the last census taken under and pursuant to the laws and authority of the state of Minnesota.

Sec. 2. Inspection authorized.—Such city council or other governing body of such city shall have power by ordinance to provide for inspection and regulation of any construction work within such city, whether buildings, plumbing, heating, ventilating, wiring or any other construction whatsoever.

Sec. 3. Appointment of building inspectors and assistants

authorized and duties of same.—Such city council or other governing body is authorized and empowered to appoint a building inspector and such assistants and employes as may be deemed necessary and define their powers and duties and fix their salaries and terms of service.

Such inspector and his authorized assistants under his direction, shall have power and be fully authorized to enter any dwelling house or other building at all hours between seven o'clock in the morning and six o'clock in the evening and examine all chimneys, stoves, furnaces, pipes and other parts of such buildings, and see that the ordinances of such city respecting the same are enforced.

Provided, however, that no such entry shall be made in any building occupied as a dwelling house without written notice of such entry for the purpose of inspection, served upon an occupant or person in charge of such dwelling house, by such inspector or under his direction at least 24 hours prior to such entry, unless such occupant or person in charge shall consent to such entry.

Sec. 4. All buildings and structures ordered inspected.—Under such conditions as such city council or other governing body may prescribe, such inspector shall inspect or cause to be inspected all buildings and structures of any character whatsoever within such city and see that they conform to the laws of the state and the ordinances of such city, and shall enforce all laws of the state and all ordinances of such city applying to buildings within such city, whether relating to their planning, repair, fire protection or any other matter.

Sec. 5. Powers granted to inspector.—For a more specific enumeration and definition of some of the powers hereinbefore granted and a fuller exposition thereof and as an additional grant thereto, such city or other governing body shall have the following power and authority:

(a) To regulate the construction, alteration, removal and repair of all structures and the permanent equipment thereof, and to provide for the safety of the occupants of all structures and all property in the vicinity thereof against danger from fire or panic or from methods of construction or installation detrimental to life, health or property, and to prohibit the use of buildings or parts of buildings when dangerous to life from collapse, fire or panic.

(b) To prescribe limits within which all roofs shall be covered by non-combustible material.

(c) To compel the installation in all structures of devices, appliances and arrangements for the preservation of life, health and property.

(d) To license, regulate, prohibit and suppress the erection and maintenance of signs, signboards, billboards and fences.

(e). To establish and enforce building lines and to regulate the height of buildings.

(f) To regulate the measurement and inspection of all building materials.

(g) To prescribe the depth of cellars, the material and method of construction of foundations and foundation walls, the material and manner of construction and location of drains and sewer pipes, the thickness, material and construction of party walls, partitions and outside walls, the size and material of floor beams, girders, piers, columns, roofs, chimneys, flues and heating apparatus, and apportion and adjust such regulations to the height and size of buildings.

(h) To regulate the construction and location of privies and vaults.

(i) To prohibit the construction of buildings not conforming to the prescribed standard, either in the whole city or within such building limits as it may prescribe, and to establish, alter or enlarge such building limits from time to time.

(j) To give such inspector and his assistants authority to enter upon, examine and inspect all buildings in process of construction in such city or within such building limits, and to direct the suspension of any such building operation as does not conform to such regulations.

Provided, however, that neither such city council or other governing body nor any inspector of such city shall have control or regulation of any building erected by the United States or the state of Minnesota.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 191—H. F. No. 874.

An act to legalize bonds issued or voted by cities having 10,000 inhabitants or less, whether organized under general or special laws or under home rule charters for the purpose of purchasing or acquiring waterworks or light or power plants, or for constructing such works, or plants or any part thereof.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Water works and lighting bonds of certain cities of over 10,000 population legalized.—That in all cases where the electors of any city in this state having ten thousand inhabitants, or less, whether organized under general or special laws,