

CHAPTER 230—S. F. No. 142.

An Act relating to government of cities of the first class and authorizing the levy of taxes for playground purposes.

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

Section 1. One-eighth of a mill tax in Minneapolis for playgrounds.—The Board of Park Commissioners of each city of the first class not organized under Section 36, Article 4 of the State Constitution, in addition to all powers and authority already possessed is hereby authorized and empowered and it shall be its duty to levy annually upon all the property, real and personal, of the city a tax not exceeding one-eighth of a mill upon each dollar of the assessed valuation for the purpose of acquiring, equipping, maintaining and governing playgrounds for the public use as a part of the system of parks and parkways of the city, provided that credits and real estate mortgages shall be subject only to the levy and collection of taxes now or hereafter prescribed by law, and provided further that the rate of such levy shall not exceed the maximum fixed by the board of tax levy in any year.

Sec. 2. To be certified to county auditor.—All taxes so levied shall be certified to the county auditor of the county in which the city is situated on or before the tenth day of October of each year, and shall be included in and as a part of the general taxes for state, city and county purposes, and the same shall be collected with and the payment thereof enforced in the same manner as such general taxes and with like penalties and interest. Such taxes when collected shall be paid to the city treasurer and placed in a fund to be known as playgrounds fund, and shall be paid out by warrants ordered by the board of park commissioners and signed by the president and secretary of such board and countersigned by the city comptroller.

Sec. 3. Commissioners given power to adopt ordinances.—The board of park commissioners shall have power to adopt ordinances to secure the quiet, orderly and suitable use and enjoyment of such playgrounds by the people and fix and ordain penalties for the violation thereof, which ordinances shall take effect from and after the publication thereof in the official newspaper of the city. The penalties for such violation may include fines not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) or confinement in the city workhouse not exceeding ninety (90) days.

Approved April 21, 1915.