

## CHAPTER 231—S. F. No. 143.

*An Act relating to government of cities of the first class and empowering the board of park commissioners to levy taxes for the protection and preservation of shade and ornamental trees and shrubbery in the streets and avenues of the city.*

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

Section 1. **One-twentieth of a mill tax in Minneapolis for ornamental shade trees.**—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-twentieth of a mill upon each dollar of the assessed valuation for the purpose of protecting, caring for, replacing and maintaining the shade and ornamental trees and shrubbery in the streets and avenues 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 the Street Forestry 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.

Approved April 21, 1915.

## CHAPTER 232—S. F. No. 144.

*An Act to authorize cities in this state now or hereafter having a population of more than fifty thousand inhabitants to issue and sell bonds for improving parks and parkways.*

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

Section 1. **\$25,000 park bonds for Minneapolis.**—Any city in this state now or hereafter having a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants is hereby authorized and empowered, acting by and through the common council of such city, by ordinance

duly enacted by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members-elect of such common council, upon request of the board of park commissioners of said city, or of such other governing body as may have charge and supervision of the parks and parkways of such city, to issue and sell one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) par value of the bonds of such city for the purpose of improving parks and parkways.

**Section 2. To be issued notwithstanding present indebtedness.**—The bonds authorized by Section 1 of this act, or any portion thereof, may be issued and sold by any such city notwithstanding any limitation contained in the charter of such city or in any law of this state, prescribing or fixing any limit upon the bonded indebtedness of such city, but the full faith and credit of any such city shall at all times be pledged for the payment of any bonds issued under this act and for the current interest thereon, and the common council of such city shall each year include in the tax levy for such city a sufficient amount to provide for the payment of such interest and for the accumulation of a sinking fund for the redemption of such bonds at their maturity.

**Sec. 3. Thirty years at 4 per cent and how signed.**—No bonds shall be issued by any such city for the purpose hereinabove mentioned to run for a longer term than thirty years, or bearing a higher rate of interest than four per cent per annum, but the place of payment of the principal and interest thereof and the denominations in which the same shall be issued shall be such as may be determined upon by the common council, and may be in the form of coupon bonds, or registered certificates, so called. All such bonds shall be signed by the mayor, attested by the city clerk and countersigned by the city comptroller of such city, and shall be sealed with the seal of such city, except that the signatures to the coupons attached to such bonds, if any, may be lithographed thereon, and none of such bonds shall be sold at less than ninety-five per cent of their par value and accrued interest, and then only to the highest responsible bidder therefor.

**Sec. 4. Application.**—This act shall not apply to any city operating under a home rule charter, framed pursuant to Section 36 of Article 4 of the Constitution of Minnesota.

**Sec. 5. In addition to other powers.**—The powers granted by this act are in addition to all other existing powers of such cities.

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

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