

## CHAPTER 546—S. F. No. 1648

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to the city of Saint Paul, pertaining to contracts and purchase of supplies; amending Laws 1959, Chapter 643.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1959, Chapter 643 is amended to read:

Section 1. **St. Paul, city of; contracts and purchase of supplies.** Notwithstanding any provision of the Charter of the City of Saint Paul to the contrary, all contracts and purchases of supplies of the City of Saint Paul are hereby divided into the following classes:

(a) All purchases or contracts under the sum of \$500 shall be made in such manner and from such persons as the purchasing agent may determine.

(b) All contracts and purchases of \$500 and not to exceed \$2000 shall be made upon such informal bids or proposals, not less than two, as the purchasing agent may procure or may be filed with him, and shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder by the purchasing agent. Notice of such proposed purchases shall be posted in the office of the purchasing agent for not less than one day.

(c) All purchases or contracts in excess of the sum of \$2000 shall be made only upon competitive sealed bids and after advertisement therefor in the official newspaper for at least once a week for two successive weeks. Such advertisement shall state the kind and quantity of articles desired and the quality thereof either in full or by reference to the standard specifications, the time and places for the filing and opening of bids. All formal bids shall be made on forms provided by the purchasing agent, shall state the price, the quantity and quality of each article bid on, and shall be sealed, but may be as to one or all of the articles named in the advertisement and shall also be filed at the time and place therein designated. All bids shall be publicly opened by the purchasing agent at the time and place named in the advertisement in the presence of the mayor and the comptroller or their representatives and such other persons as may be present; in the case of school purchases, bids shall be opened in the presence of the comptroller and of the Board of Education or their representatives.

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Sec. 2. *Subdivision 1.* Notwithstanding any provision of the Charter of the City of Saint Paul to the contrary, the purchasing agent shall not be required to reject bids containing alterations or erasures unless such alterations or erasures destroy the legibility of the bid.

*Subd. 2.* The purchasing agent shall not be required to secure formal contracts and performance bonds on all purchases of supplies where the total purchase does not exceed the sum of \$2,000.

Sec. 3. *This act shall become effective only after its approval by a majority of the governing body of the city of Saint Paul and upon compliance with the provisions of Laws 1959, Chapter 368.*

Approved April 20, 1961.

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CHAPTER 547—S. F. No. 1650

[Not Coded]

*An act providing for'vacations for officers and employees of the city of Saint Paul.*

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

**Section 1. St. Paul, city of; officers and employees; vacations.** Notwithstanding inconsistent provisions of any other statute and notwithstanding any contrary provision of the home rule charter of the city of Saint Paul, the governing body of said city may by resolution or ordinance provide for the granting of vacation, with or without pay, to all its regularly employed employees or officers upon such terms and under such conditions as said governing body may determine and subject to such requirements as to length of service with such municipality as said governing body may require.

Nothing in the foregoing provision shall be construed as retroactive in its purpose or intent so as to give the governing body of said city the right to grant vacations for service of its employees or officers rendered prior to the enactment of such ordinance or resolution.

However, the governing body of said city may consider the total length of service of employees or officers with such municipality in establishing the extent of vacation to which

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