

ORDINANCES. In addition to any other method authorized by law or charter, the council of any municipality may provide for the collection of unpaid special charges for all or any part of the cost of snow, ice, or rubbish removal from sidewalks, weed elimination from streets or private property, street sprinkling or other dust treatment of streets, the trimming and care of trees and the removal of unsound trees from any street, the treatment and removal of insect infested or diseased trees on private property, the repair of sidewalks and alleys, or the operation of a street lighting system, as a special assessment against the property benefited. The council may by ordinance adopt regulations consistent with this section to make this authority effective, including, at the option of the council, provisions for placing primary responsibility upon the property owner or occupant to do the work himself (except in the case of street sprinkling or other dust treatment, alley repair, tree trimming, care, and removal or the operation of a street lighting system), ~~for upon~~ notice before the work is undertaken, and for collection from the property owner or other person served of the charges when due before unpaid charges are made a special assessment.

Approved May 19, 1973.

CHAPTER 338—S.F.No.1317

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An act relating to insurance, governmental units; requiring that contracts for employee group insurance be let on competitive bidding; providing for the disclosure of the particulars of such policies of insurance.

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

Section 1. [471.616] **GOVERNMENTAL UNITS; GROUP INSURANCE; BIDS.** Subdivision 1. **BIDDING REQUIRED.** No governmental subdivision, political subdivision, or any other body corporate and politic authorized by law to purchase group insurance for its employees and providing or intending to provide such group insurance protections and benefits for 25 or more of its employees shall enter into a contract for or renew any such group insurance policy or contract without calling for bids and awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder by way of competitive bidding procedures similar to those for the provision of services and supplies under Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 16.07. The aggregate

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gate value of benefits provided by a contract entered into after July 1, 1973 shall not be less than those provided by the preexisting contract.

Provided, however, that no such contract need be awarded or submitted or resubmitted to bid more frequently than once every 60 months, unless

(a) pursuant to a change in benefits or protections under the policy, contract or program, a 10 to 20 percent change in the original premium under the policy contract is provided, required or indicated; or

(b) for any reason whatsoever, a 20 percent or greater change in the original premium under the policy contract is provided, required or indicated.

When an insurer proposes an increase in rates of 20 percent or more, it shall accompany its proposal with a claims listing for the appropriate period that explains the proposed increase. When a contract is resubmitted for bids because of a proposed increase in rates of 20 percent or more the claims listing shall accompany the specifications for the contract.

Subd. 2. INSURANCE PROVISIONS; DISCLOSURE. Every governmental subdivision, political subdivision, or other body corporate and politic contracting for and providing group insurance protection and benefits as provided in subdivision 1, shall file with the clerk or other comparable officer of the subdivision or other body within five months of the annual anniversary date of the contract, the particulars and details of such insurance plan or program in the same general manner and form as that required by the federal government for the disclosure and filing of group insurance information by employers not otherwise exempt.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 1 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 1973.

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CHAPTER 339—S.F.No.1316

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An act relating to insurance; providing continuing group accident and -health coverage for survivors of a deceased employee.

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