

the votes cast at such election of the legal voters of the town;

(40) (9) To authorize the town board, by vote, to purchase grounds for a town cemetery, and limit the price to be paid, and to vote a tax for the payment thereof;

(41) (10) To authorize the town, either by itself or in conjunction with one or more other towns, to purchase grounds for a public park and to limit the price to be paid therefor, to authorize the town, alone or in conjunction with such other town or towns, to care for, improve, and beautify such parks, and to determine, by ballot, the amount of money to be raised for that purpose, and to vote a tax for the payment thereof;

(42) (11) To vote money to aid in the construction of community halls, to be erected by farm bureaus, farmers clubs, or other like organizations.

(43) (12) To vote a tax to purchase and maintain a public dumping ground.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 365.40, is amended to read:

365.40 ACTIONS, IN WHAT NAME. In all actions or proceedings the town shall sue and be sued in its name, except where town officers are authorized to sue in their official names for its benefit. In every action against a town, process and papers shall be served on the chairman of the town board or on the town clerk; and such chairman shall attend to the defense of the action, and lay before the voters at the first town meeting a full statement of the facts relating thereto for their direction in defending the same board of supervisors at the first meeting a full statement of the facts relating thereto for its direction in defending the action or proceeding.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 366.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. The board of supervisors shall have power to provide for the prosecution or defense of actions at law or other proceedings in which the township may be interested, and it may employ counsel for the purpose. Nothing contained herein shall limit any powers conferred on township boards of supervisors by any other provision of law.

Approved March 16, 1978.

CHAPTER 498-S.F.No.1096

An act relating to highway traffic regulations; required equipment on certain vehicles; exempting military vehicles of the United States from wheel flap requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 169.733.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 169.733, is amended to read:

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169.733 **WHEEL FLAPS ON TRUCKS AND TRAILERS.** Every truck, trailer, semi-trailer, pole trailer, and rear-end dump truck, excepting rear-end dump farm trucks and military vehicles of the United States, shall be provided with wheel flaps or other suitable protection above and behind the rearmost wheels of the vehicle or combination of vehicles to prevent, as far as practicable, such wheels from throwing dirt, water, or other materials on the windshields of vehicles which follow. Such flaps or protectors shall be at least as wide as the tires they are protecting and shall have a ground clearance of not more than one-fifth of the horizontal distance from the center of the rearmost axle to the flap under any conditions of loading or operation of the motor vehicle. Provided that in the case of a dump truck or truck with a rigid box fastened to its frame and having a conveyor belt or chain in the bottom of the vehicle which moves the cargo to the rear end of the vehicle, the flaps shall be mounted as far to the rear of the vehicle as practicable and shall have a ground clearance of not more than 18 inches when the vehicle is loaded.

If the motor vehicle is so designed and constructed that the above requirements are accomplished by means of body construction or other means of enclosure, then no such protectors or flaps shall be required.

If the rear wheels are not covered at the top by fenders, body or other parts of the vehicle, the flap or other protective means shall be extended at least to a point directly above the center of the rearmost axle.

Lamps or wiring shall not be attached to fender flaps.

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CHAPTER 499-S.F.No.1116

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to plats; authorizing plats to be prepared by photographic process in counties having microfilm capabilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 505.08, by adding a subdivision; 505.1792, Subdivision 2; and 508.47, Subdivision 4.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 505.08, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. In counties having microfilm capabilities, a plat may be prepared on sheets of suitable mylar or on linen tracing cloth by photographic process or on material of equal quality. The plat shall be labeled "Official Plat". Notwithstanding any provisions of subdivisions 1 and 2 to the contrary, no other copies of the plat need be filed.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 505.1792, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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