

B. Any mortgage or any assignment, extension, partial release, or satisfaction thereof.

C. Any will.

D. Any plat.

E. Any lease.

F. Any deed, instrument, or writing in which the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof or the state of Minnesota or any agency, instrumentality, or governmental or political subdivision thereof is the grantor, assignor, transferor, or conveyer; and any deed, instrument or writing in which any of such unit of government is the grantee or assignee.

G. Deeds for cemetery lots.

H. Deeds of distribution by personal representatives.

I. Deeds to or from co-owners partitioning undivided interests in the same piece of property.

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CHAPTER 591 — H.F.No. 1516

An act relating to local government; authorizing the levy of special assessments or service charges for fire protection systems; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, sections 429.011, by adding a subdivision; 429.021, subdivision 1; 429.031, subdivision 3; 429.091, subdivisions 2 and 3; and 429.101, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 429.011, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 14. "Fire protection system" means pipes, standpipes, sprinklers, control systems and other devices and equipment installed in or outside a building for the primary purpose of eliminating or reducing the spread of fire in the building or providing for safe evacuation of the building, whether the devices and equipment are publicly or privately owned.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 429.021, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED.** The council of a municipality shall have power to make the following improvements:

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(1) To acquire, open, and widen any street, and to improve the same by constructing, reconstructing, and maintaining sidewalks, pavement, gutters, curbs, and vehicle parking strips of any material, or by grading, graveling, oiling, or otherwise improving the same, including the beautification thereof and including storm sewers or other street drainage and connections from sewer, water or similar mains to curb lines.

(2) To acquire, develop, construct, reconstruct, extend and maintain storm and sanitary sewers and systems, including outlets, holding areas and ponds, treatment plants, pumps, lift stations, service connections, and other appurtenances of a sewer system, within and without the corporate limits.

(3) To construct, reconstruct, extend and maintain steam heating mains.

(4) To install, replace, extend and maintain street lights and street lighting systems and special lighting systems.

(5) To acquire, improve, construct, reconstruct, extend and maintain water works systems, including mains, valves, hydrants, service connections, wells, pumps, reservoirs, tanks, treatment plants, and other appurtenances of a water works system, within and without the corporate limits.

(6) To acquire, improve and equip parks, open space areas, playgrounds and recreational facilities within or without the corporate limits.

(7) To plant trees on streets and provide for their trimming, care and removal.

(8) To abate nuisances and to drain swamps, marshes and ponds on public or private property and to fill the same.

(9) To construct, reconstruct, extend, and maintain dikes and other flood control works.

(10) To construct, reconstruct, extend and maintain retaining walls and area walls.

(11) To acquire, construct, reconstruct, improve, alter, extend, operate, maintain and promote a pedestrian skyway system.

(12) To acquire, construct, reconstruct, extend, operate, maintain and promote underground pedestrian concourses.

(13) To acquire, construct, improve, alter, extend, operate, maintain and promote public malls, plazas or courtyards.

(14) To construct, reconstruct, extend, and maintain district heating systems.

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(15) To construct, reconstruct, alter, extend, operate, maintain and promote fire protection systems in existing buildings, but only upon a petition pursuant to section 429.031, subdivision 3.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 429.031, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **PETITION BY ALL OWNERS.** Whenever all owners of real property abutting upon any street named as the location of any improvement shall petition the council to construct the improvement and to assess the entire cost against their property, the council may, without a public hearing, adopt a resolution determining such fact and ordering the improvement. The validity of the resolution shall not be questioned by any taxpayer or property owner or the municipality unless an action for that purpose is commenced within 30 days after adoption of the resolution as provided in section 429.036. Nothing herein prevents any property owner from questioning the amount or validity of the special assessment against his property pursuant to section 429.081. In the case of a petition for the installation of a fire protection system, the petition must contain or be accompanied by an undertaking satisfactory to the city by the petitioner that the petitioner will grant the municipality the necessary property interest in the building to permit the city to enter upon the property and the building to construct, maintain, and operate the fire protection system. In the case of a petition for the installation of a fire protection system, the petitioner may request abandonment of the improvement at any time after it has been ordered pursuant to subdivision 1 and before contracts have been awarded for the construction of the improvement under section 429.041, subdivision 2. If such a request is received, the city council shall abandon the proceedings but in such case the petitioner shall reimburse the city for any and all expenses incurred by the city in connection with the improvement.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 429.091, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **TYPES OF OBLIGATIONS PERMITTED.** The council may by resolution adopted prior to the sale of obligations pledge the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the municipality for the payment of the principal and interest. Such obligations shall be called improvement bonds and the council shall pay the principal and interest out of any fund of the municipality when the amount credited to the specified fund is insufficient for the purpose and shall each year levy a sufficient amount to take care of accumulated or anticipated deficiencies, which levy shall not be subject to any statutory or charter tax limitation. Obligations for the payment of which the full faith and credit of the municipality is not pledged shall be called improvement warrants or, in the case of bonds for fire protection systems, revenue bonds and shall contain a promise to pay solely out of the proper special fund or funds pledged to their payment. It shall be the duty of the municipal treasurer to pay maturing principal and interest

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on warrants or revenue bonds out of funds on hand in the proper special fund funds and not otherwise.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 429.091, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **METHOD OF ISSUANCE.** All obligations shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of chapter 475, except ~~that~~ as provided in this subdivision.

An election shall be required for bonds if less than 20 percent of the cost of the improvement to the municipality is to be assessed against benefited property.

If the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the municipality is not pledged and the bonds are issued to finance a fire protection system, a public sale shall not be required and the obligations may

(a) mature at any time or times within 30 years from date of issue,

(b) mature in the amount or amounts,

(c) be sold at a price equal to the percentage of their par value, plus accrued interest, and

(d) bear interest at the rate or rates,

as agreed by the purchaser and the municipality, notwithstanding any limitation of interest rate or cost or of the amounts of annual maturities contained in any other law.

The maturities shall be such as in the opinion of the council are warranted by the anticipated collections of assessments and ad valorem levies for the municipality's share of the cost; except that the council may in its discretion issue and sell temporary improvement bonds maturing and subject to further conditions as set forth in subdivision 5. All obligations shall state upon their face the purpose of the issue and the fund from which they are payable. The amount of any obligations issued hereunder shall not be included in determining the net indebtedness of any municipality under the provisions of any law limiting such indebtedness.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 429.101, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **ORDINANCES.** In addition to any other method authorized by law or charter, the governing body of any municipality may provide for the collection of unpaid special charges for all or any part of the cost of

(a) snow, ice, or rubbish removal from sidewalks,

(b) weed elimination from streets or private property,

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(c) removal or elimination of public health or safety hazards from private property, excluding any structure included under the provisions of sections 463.15 to 463.26,

(d) installation or repair of water service lines, street sprinkling or other dust treatment of streets,

(e) the trimming and care of trees and the removal of unsound trees from any street,

(f) the treatment and removal of insect infested or diseased trees on private property, the repair of sidewalks and alleys, or

(g) the operation of a street lighting system, or

(h) the operation and maintenance of a fire protection 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) 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.

Sec. 7. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective the day following final enactment.

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CHAPTER 592 — H.F.No. 1678

An act relating to commerce; clarifying identity between federal savings and loan associations and savings banks; clarifying annual statement filing requirements; providing for the suspension of authority of self-insurance entities or self-insurers; modifying certain existing fees and providing certain new fees; providing for the approval of certain life insurance policies by the commissioner; transferring certain duties of the commissioner of commerce to the commissioner of revenue; establishing certain taxation filing requirements; providing for agent license renewals; authorizing the issuance of orders to show cause relating to license revocations; clarifying continuing education reporting requirements; modifying certain insurance licensing dates; providing for the service of process on foreign companies and unauthorized insurers; removing the countersignature requirement for certain bid bonds and insurance policies; clarifying policy form filing requirements; describing certain requirements for enrollment in the comprehensive health insurance plan; increasing the agents

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