

lease and provide appropriate rooms for the use of said library; shall have power to appoint a suitable librarian and necessary assistants, and fix their compensation; and shall also have power to remove such appointees; and shall in general carry out the spirit and intent of this act. Said board shall have power, when approved by such city or village council, to purchase ground, and erect thereon a suitable building for the use of said library. Said board shall have power to accept, or in its discretion, to decline donations tendered as provided in section nine (9) of this act, and for the purpose of maintaining and augmenting collections other than collections of printed books and periodicals may, in its discretion, expend moneys or incur obligations not exceeding in any one year ten (10) per centum of the whole amount paid into the library fund for such year. Said board shall have full power and authority to improve, lease and let any and all property set apart for the use of the library, or otherwise acquired, upon such terms and conditions, and whenever and as often as it may deem best, and to execute and deliver leases thereof under seal. It may receive and enforce subscriptions for the benefit of the library, and may adopt a seal."

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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## CHAPTER 49.

S. F. No. 66.

Sidewalks;  
construction  
and repair of.

*An act authorizing all villages incorporated under the general laws of this state to construct and repair sidewalks and to assess the expense thereof upon the lots or parcels of land adjoining the said sidewalk.*

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

How constructed and repaired in villages.

SECTION 1. Whenever the village council of any village incorporated under the general laws of this state deem it necessary to construct or repair any sidewalk in said village, they shall require the street commissioner to notify all owners and occupants of any lot or lots or parcels of land adjoining such sidewalk to construct or repair the same at his or their own proper expense or charge, within a time designated by the publication in the official paper of said village, for not less than two

weeks of a notice to said owners or occupants, setting forth what work is to be done, and the character of the same, by such owners or occupants, and the time within which they are required to do the same.

SEC. 2. If such work is not done, and the said sidewalks not built or repaired, in the manner and within the time prescribed, the village council may order the same to be done by the street commissioner at the expense of the lots and parcels of land adjoining said sidewalks, and said expenses shall be assessed upon such lots and parcels of land so chargeable by the street commissioner and returned by him to the village council. And said assessment so made and returned if approved by the village council shall become a lien upon said lots and parcels of land, as in case of city, county and state taxes.

Village council may order when.

SEC. 3. If said assessment be not paid to the street commissioner or the village treasurer, on or before the twentieth day of August, in any year, the village council shall cause a statement of the same to be transmitted with the village taxes levied for that year, to the auditor of the county on or before the first day of September in each year, and the said auditor shall insert the same with the other taxes in the duplicate statement of taxes annually transmitted by him to the county treasurer for collection and payment thereof, enforced with and in like manner as city, county and state taxes are collected, and payment thereof enforced.

Assessments for, how enforced.

SEC. 4. The village council shall prescribe the width of sidewalks and may establish different widths in different localities and determine the kind of material of which they shall be constructed, having regard to the business and the amount of travel in the vicinity of the same.

Width and character of to be prescribed.

SEC. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

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

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## CHAPTER 50.

S. F. No. 221.

*An act to authorize cities of this state having a population of more than fifty thousand to issue and sell their bonds to take up their floating indebtedness, and to prevent the subsequent creation of a floating indebtedness by such cities.*

Cities, floating indebtedness of.

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

SECTION 1. That the common council of any city in the State of Minnesota, at any time having a population

Council may issue bonds for.