

**CHAPTER 374****COURTHOUSE AND CITY HALL****COUNTY AND CITY FIRST CLASS****374.11 DUTY OF COMMISSION**

A city is without authority to install parking meters upon county property without first obtaining permission therefor. It may acquire an easement by condemnation if the installation of the parking meters will not materially interfere with and is not inconsistent with its prior or present use. OAG July 17, 1951 (59-A-53).

The county board may not submit the question of a change of site of the courthouse to a vote by the electors of the county. OAG April 21, 1952 (125-A-20).

**374.13 TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS**

Municipal corporations, right of taxpayer to enjoin or avoid a contract awarded in competitive bidding, officer being interested. 35 MLR 322.

**374.20 SALE OR LEASE OF LANDS NOT USED**

**HISTORY.** 1929 c 397 s 20; 1951 c 545 s 1.

The only consideration for a sale of the former Ramsey county courthouse and St. Paul city hall site, must be the highest cash price obtainable, and the proceeds must be used to clear outstanding bonds. The county must comply with the provisions of section 373.01 and offer the tract for sale. Under Minnesota Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, neither the city nor the county has power to agree to deferment of taxes when selling the property. OAG Sept. 15, 1950 (125-A-20).

**374.23 COMMISSION; REPORT, FILING**

**HISTORY.** 1929 c 97 s 21a; 1937 c 274 s 1; 1947 c 159 s 1; 1953 c 699 s 14.

**COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITY****374.25 JOINT COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUTHORIZED**

Moneys in a county building fund may not be used to acquire lands solely for the storage of county highway equipment. OAG April 13, 1950 (107-A).

Section 373.25 makes provision for the establishment of a county building fund in any county not containing a city of first class. An annual tax levy of not to exceed two mills on a dollar is authorized. The fund may be used only for the purposes mentioned in section 373.25. OAG Nov. 30, 1953 (107-A) (519-D).

The question of the site of a courthouse may not be submitted to be determined at a general election. OAG April 15, 1952 (125-A-20).