

## CHAPTER 465

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**465.56 CITIES MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES.**

Subdivision 1. The governing body of any statutory city, or home rule charter city of the fourth class may annually appropriate money for the purpose of advertising the municipality and its resources and advantages. The money appropriated shall be used only for the purpose of advertising the municipality or for cooperative programs of promotion for the area by more than one municipality and its resources and advantages.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1981 c 62 s 2]

**History:** 1981 c 62 s 1

**465.72 SEVERANCE PAY.**

Except as may otherwise be provided in Laws 1959, Chapter 690, as amended, any county, city, township, school district or other governmental subdivision may pay severance pay to its employees and promulgate rules for the payment of severance pay to an employee who leaves employment on or before or subsequent to the normal retirement date. Severance pay shall also include the payment of accumulated vacation leave, accumulated sick leave or a combination thereof. The severance pay shall be excluded from retirement deductions and from any calculations in retirement benefits. It shall be paid in a manner mutually agreeable to the employee and employer over a period not to exceed five years from retirement or termination of employment. If a retired or terminated employee dies before all or a portion of the severance pay has been disbursed, that balance due shall be paid to a named beneficiary or, lacking same, to the deceased's estate. In no event shall severance pay provided for an employee leaving employment exceed an amount equivalent to one year of pay.

**History:** 1Sp1981 c 4 art 2 s 37

**465.74 AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE DISTRICT HEATING SYSTEMS.**

Subdivision 1. **Cities of the first class.** Any city operating or authorized to operate a public utility pursuant to chapter 452 or its charter is authorized to acquire, construct, own, and operate a municipal district heating system pursuant to the provisions of that chapter or its charter. Acquisition or construction of a municipal district heating system shall not be subject to the election requirement of sections 452.11 and 452.12, or city charter provision, but must be approved by a three-fifths vote of the city's council or other governing body. Loans obtained by a municipality pursuant to section 116H.31 are not subject to the limitations on the amount of money which may be borrowed upon a pledge of the city's full faith and credit or the election requirements for general obligation borrowing, contained in section 452.08.

Subd. 2. **Cities of the second, third, and fourth class.** A home rule or statutory city of the second, third, or fourth class may, pursuant to sections

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412.331 to 412.391, or chapter 455 or its charter acquire, construct, own, and operate a municipal district heating system.

Subd. 3. **Extension of service outside city.** A municipal district heating system, operating pursuant to this section, may sell energy to customers located outside of the municipality.

Subd. 4. **Net debt limits.** The loan obligations or debt incurred by a political subdivision pursuant to section 116H.31 or 475.525 shall not be considered as a part of its indebtedness under the provisions of its governing charter or of any law of this state fixing a limit of indebtedness.

Subd. 5. **District heating facilities.** Notwithstanding any other law, general or special, or the provisions of any home rule charter city to the contrary, the governing body of a municipality may by ordinance grant a district heating franchise for a term not to exceed 31 years and by resolution or ordinance secure any obligations issued by the municipality for a district heating system with a mortgage or indenture of trust co-extensive with the term of the obligations.

**History:** 1981 c 334 s 6