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CHAPTER 326.

AN ACT to amend section 925—52, paragraph 31 of the statutes of 1898 to give cities organized under the general charter or operating under certain provisions thereof power to create districts within which all electric light or power, telephone, telegraph or other wires may be ordered to be placed under ground and all poles removed from the streets.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Powers of council. SECTION 1. Section 925—52, paragraph 31 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: To establish and alter the grade of streets and sidewalks; regulate the manner of using the streets and pavements; protect the same from injury by vehicles used thereon; require standard sidewalks to be laid upon such street or streets or part thereof as it may prescribe; declare any sidewalk or part thereof unsafe, defective or insufficient, and that the same be removed and replaced with a new standard sidewalk or one as good as the standard, to be approved by the board of public works, at the expense of the owner or owners of the lots or parcels of land abutting upon that portion of the street or streets upon which said sidewalk is ordered to be built or removed, and cause the expense thereof incurred by the city in front of each said abutting lot or parcel of land to be charged to such lot or parcel of land as a special tax and collected like other city taxes upon real estate; all proceedings as to the construction of sidewalks and the collection of the cost thereof to conform to the provisions of sections 925—201 to 925—207 inclusive; *and to establish districts in cities of the first, second and third classes within which all electric light or power, telephone, telegraph or other wires may in the same ordinance establishing such districts be ordered to be placed under ground and all poles now or hereafter used to support such wires shall be removed from the streets in such districts, and to provide a penalty for the violation of the provisions of such ordinance.*

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its passage and publication.

Approved June 9, 1905.