

street lighting systems erected prior to the passage hereof, and to the maintenance of such systems.

* * * 7. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the powers of the common council of any city or village board of any village to provide for the lighting of streets, highways, or public places by means of an ornamental * * * system at the general public expense when the common council of any such city or the village board of any such village may determine, on its own initiative, and without the petition of abutting lot owners, to contract for the erection and maintenance of such ornamental lighting system and the furnishing of electric current therefor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 490.

AN ACT to amend subdivision (34) of section 925—52 and section 959—49 of the statutes, relating to cities.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Subdivision (34) of section 925—52 and section 959—49 of the statutes are amended to read: (Section 925—52) (34) To provide for lighting the streets, public grounds and buildings with gas or otherwise, and heating buildings with steam or otherwise, and for furnishing light and heat to the inhabitants of such city, upon such terms as may be provided by ordinance; and for such purpose may own and operate its own lighting and heating plants, or contract by ordinance or otherwise with any person, persons, company or corporation, *supplying service in said city for a term not exceeding ten years at any one time, or for an indeterminate term if the prices for such service be subject to adjustment at intervals not greater than five years*, at such price, on such terms and subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by such ordinance or contract; provided, that the foregoing provision for furnishing light and heat to the inhabitants shall not apply to cities of the first class. Any contract made in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be subject to all the provisions of section 1797m—1 to section 1797m—109, inclusive.

Section 959—49. Any city or village organized under a special charter may grant to any person or corporation the right

to construct and operate therein a system of waterworks or of lighting, or both, and such city or village may make and enter into a contract with such person or corporation, *or with any other person or corporation supplying service in said city*, for such use of water for fire protection and other purposes, or for lighting, or both, as the common council or board of trustees may deem necessary, after having been legally authorized to enter into the same, notwithstanding that the charter by and under which such city or village was incorporated contains a limitation as to the amount which may be expended for the use of water or for lighting therein; *and such contract may be for a term not exceeding ten years or may be for an indeterminate term if the prices for such service be subject to adjustment at intervals not greater than five years*; and when any contract has heretofore been made or shall hereafter be made by such city or village with such person or corporation the common council or the board of trustees shall cause to be annually levied upon the taxable property in such city or village an amount sufficient to pay for the use of said water therein or for lighting, or both, in pursuance of the terms of such contract, notwithstanding any limit that may be contained in the charter of such city or village, and the same shall be collected with the other city or village taxes for such year. Said amount, when so collected, shall constitute a separate fund and shall be kept separate and apart from the other funds of such city or village, and the same shall be paid out only for the purposes mentioned in said contract and as therein provided. Any contract made in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be subject to all the provisions of section 1797m—9 to section 1797m—109, inclusive.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 491.

AN ACT to create three new subdivisions of chapter 86 of the laws of 1913, relating to a new edition of the reports of the adjutant general and other official state papers and documents of the Civil war and making an appropriation.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There are added to chapter 86 of the laws of 1913 three new subdivisions to be numbered and to read: (Chapter 86.) 4. The work authorized by chapter 86, laws of