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CHAPTER 470

AN ACT to amend section 925—38 of the statutes, relating to the duties and powers of mayors in cities of the second, third and fourth classes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 925—38 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 925—38. In cities of the second, third and fourth classes the mayor shall be the chief executive officer and head of the fire and the police departments; he shall take care that the laws of the state and the ordinances of the city are observed and enforced and that all officers of the city discharge their respective duties. He shall from time to time give the council such information and recommend such measures as he may deem advantageous to the city. When present he shall preside at the meetings of the council; he shall sign all agreements, contracts, licenses and permits granted by the council and approve or otherwise act upon all claims allowed by it; he shall appoint all policemen and may, in case of a riot or other emergency, appoint as many special policemen as may be necessary. He shall have the veto power. Should he refuse to approve any ordinance, rule, regulation or claim; or any resolution appropriating money or creating a debt or liability he shall file with the city clerk his objections in writing within five days after such ordinance, rule, regulation, claim or resolution is submitted to him for approval, such objections to be presented to the council at its next meeting. If upon the return of such veto message three-fourths of all the members of the common council vote for the passage of such ordinance, rule, regulation, claim or resolution the same shall be considered legally passed notwithstanding such objections.

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

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CHAPTER 471

AN ACT to create subdivision (76) of section 925—52 of the statutes, relating to cities.

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

SECTION 1. A new subdivision is added to section 925—52 of

the statutes to read: (Section 925—52) (76) (a) The council in any city of the second or third class is authorized to set apart by ordinance portions of such city within which territory so set apart it may establish building lines at such a distance from the street line as it may deem advisable and may prohibit the erection of any building within such territory nearer to the street than the building line so established. The power granted may be exercised upon the initiative of the council or upon the petition of ten or more residents in the territory to be affected. The council in exercising the above power may use as low a unit as one block on one side of a street. All such exercise of power herein granted may be enforced by appropriate fines and penalties prescribed by ordinance.

(b) Any person sustaining loss or damage to his property by reason of the passage of any such ordinance may recover such loss or damage from the city by proceedings begun within three months after the adoption of such ordinance in the same manner as is now provided for recovery on claims or demands of any nature against such city, provided that such claim or demand shall be fully itemized and the recovery limited to such itemized statement.

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

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CHAPTER 472

AN ACT to amend subsections (1) and (2) of section 10.53 of the statutes, relating to the place of holding town meetings.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 10.53 of the statutes are amended to read: (10.53) (1) The annual town meetings in each town shall be held at the place where the last town meeting was held, or at such other place therein, or in a city or incorporated village * * * *in the county and convenient to the town*, as shall have been ordered at a previous meeting; or when there has been no such previous meeting, at such place as shall be directed in the act or proceedings by which the town was organized.

(2) Not less than four nor more than six weeks before any annual town meeting the town board by recorded resolution may direct, and any twelve electors of the town may file with the town clerk a petition praying; that the question of changing the place