

which no patron or guest shall be permitted to enter or remain in the licensed premises except as provided in paragraph (e), shall be as follows:

- (a) On Sunday, between 3:30 a. m. and 10 a. m.
- (b) On week days, between 2 a. m. and 6 a. m.
- (c) On January 1 of each year, no closing.
- (d) On any election day, during such hours as the polls may be open.

(e) Hotels and restaurants whose principal business is the furnishing of food or drinks, as prescribed in section 176.05 (10), or lodging to patrons shall be permitted to remain open for the conduct of their regular business but shall not be permitted to sell intoxicating liquors or any malt beverages during the hours prohibited in paragraphs (a), (b) and (d).

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CHAPTER 48.

AN ACT to create 196.49 (4a) and 196.58 (6) of the statutes, relating to substitution of natural gas or mixtures of natural and manufactured gas for manufactured gas by public utilities.

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

SECTION 1. 196.49 (4a) of the statutes is created to read:

196.49 (4a) No public utility furnishing gas to the public in this state shall construct, install, or place in operation any new plant, equipment, property, or facility, or construct or install any extension, improvement, addition, or alteration to its existing plant, equipment, property, or facilities for the purpose of connecting its properties and system to a source of supply of gaseous fuel for sale to the public which is different from that which has been theretofore sold, or for the purpose of adapting its facilities to such different kind of gaseous fuel unless and until the commission shall have found and certified that the general public interest and public convenience and necessity requires the same; nor shall any such public utility substitute natural gas or a mixture of natural and manufactured gas in

lieu of manufactured gas for distribution and sale to the public without first having obtained from the commission a certificate that the general public interest and public convenience and necessity require the same. In making its determination, the commission shall give due consideration, among all other appropriate factors, to all matters affecting the public interest, including when the substitution of natural or a mixture of natural and manufactured gas in lieu of manufactured gas is involved, the social and economic effects thereof by reason of its effect upon employment, existing business and industries, railroads and other transportation agencies and facilities, the state, any of its political subdivisions, or any citizens or resident thereof. No such certificates of public interest and public convenience and necessity shall be issued which shall authorize the substitution of natural gas or a mixture of natural and manufactured gas in lieu of manufactured gas, or the provision of facilities or expenditure of moneys therefor, in any city, village or town of which the board or municipal council shall not have first approved and authorized such substitution pursuant to the provisions of section 196.58 (6).

SECTION 2. 196.58 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

196.58 (6) No public utility furnishing and selling gaseous fuel to the public shall change the character or kind of such fuel by substituting for manufactured gas any natural gas or any mixture of natural and manufactured gas for distribution and sale in any town, village or city unless the municipal council thereof shall, by authorization, passage, or adoption of appropriate contract, ordinance, or resolution, approve and authorize the same. No such contract, ordinance, or resolution, nor any failure or refusal by such municipal council to authorize, pass, or adopt the same shall be subject to the review provided by subsection (4) of this section.

Approved April 15, 1943.