

Power to levy taxes annually, duties defined.

council shall have power to annually levy such sum or sums of money as may be sufficient for the several purposes for which taxes are authorized to be levied, and to apportion the same into such funds for city and ward purposes as they may provide by ordinance or resolution; provided, a tax levied for any one year for municipal purposes, together with the tax required to be levied for state, county and county school purposes, and for delinquent taxes for the preceding year, shall not exceed the amount of three per cent. of the assessed value of real and personal property of the city in that year.

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

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CHAPTER 200.

AN ACT to amend chapter 326, of the laws of 1889, entitled, "An act dividing cities into classes and providing for their incorporation and government," as amended by chapter 312, of the laws of 1893.

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

How to proceed when street improvements are needed.

SECTION 1. Section 176, of chapter 326, of the laws of 1889, as amended by chapter 312, of the laws of 1893, is hereby amended by inserting after the words "as set forth," in the sixth line of said amended section, the words following, to-wit: "In such petition, the common council shall order such improvement;" so that said section when so amended shall read as follows, to-wit: Section 176. In any city, whenever the

owners of more than one-half of the frontage of the lots upon that part of any street proposed to be improved shall petition the common council to improve such street, or part of street, by stone paving, macadam or otherwise, as set forth in such petition, the common council shall order such improvement to be made in such manner as shall be fully specified by the city surveyor, and approved by the mayor, and upon advertisement, setting forth clearly such specifications, may contract for such work to be done by the lowest responsible bidder, if deemed reasonable in cost; provided, that such improvement, unless made to connect with streets somewhat similarly improved shall be made to extend upon such street, not less than the length or width of three blocks of lots, and the street crossings between. The cost of such improvement, when made, shall be assessed to the respective owners of the lots fronting on such street, in the ratio of each owner's number of feet front, to the entire length of such improvement, exclusive of street crossings, which shall be chargeable to the city, as its proportion of expense, and such crossings shall be made to conform with the street so improved. The word street as herein used may be construed to mean two or more streets, when the whole taken together would form one continuous drive.

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