

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

of holding town meetings in such town be submitted to a vote of the electors at any regular town meeting. Every such resolution or petition shall designate and describe with reasonable certainty the place to which the change is desired, which shall be a place within the town or within a city or incorporated village * * * *as provided in subsection (1) of this section.*

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

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CHAPTER 473

AN ACT to amend the first clause of section 51.05, the ninth clause of section 51.05, subdivision (b) of subsection 22, and subdivision (d) of subsection 23 of section 51.05 of the statutes, relating to reports of railroads, street railways, telegraph lines, heat, light and power plants and conservation and regulation companies.

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

SECTION 1. The first clause of Section 51.05 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 51.05. Report of companies. Every company defined by section 51.02 operating in this state either a railroad, a street railway, a telegraph line or lines, a heat, light and power plant, or a conservation and regulation company, as the case may be, shall annually * * * in each year, under oath of the president, or other chief officer, and the secretary, treasurer, auditor or superintendent of such company, make and file with the commission, *at such time and in such form as it may prescribe reports containing the following facts so far as any of them are applicable to the company making such report.*

The ninth clause of section 51.05 is amended to read: (9) The market value of the shares of capital stock for the whole system, on the dates and for the period the * * * *commission may request or specify.* * * *

Subsection 22 (b) of said section 51.05 is amended to read: (b) The gross earnings of such street railway company from the operation of its business in each county and in each town, city and village within or through which said company operated for the year * * * *prescribed by the tax commission.*

(Subsection 23) (d) is amended to read: (d). The gross receipts from the operation obtained in each county and in each municipality, within or through which any such company oper-