

## CHAPTER 64.

## PROTECTION AGAINST FIRES.

Sub. for S. F. 178.

AN ACT to repeal the law as it appears in section seven hundred eleven (711) of the code and to enact a substitute therefor relating to the powers of cities and towns to enact ordinances for protection against fires, accidents from electrical apparatus, to establish fire limits, to prohibit within such limits the erection of buildings and structures of certain construction and providing for the cost or removal or taking down of buildings erected in violation of such ordinances.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1. Repeal—fires—electrical apparatus—fire limits—removal of buildings.** That section seven hundred eleven (711) of the code and the law as it appears therein be and the same is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:—

“Cities, including cities acting under special charters and cities acting under commission form of government, and towns shall have power to make regulations for protection against fire and electrical apparatus, to establish fire limits, to prohibit within such limits the erection of all buildings and structures of every kind, additions thereto, substantial alterations thereof involving partial rebuilding, not constructed of fire proof materials, in whole or in part, as prescribed by ordinance, and to remove or take down any building or structure or part thereof erected contrary to such ordinances and to collect the cost thereof from the owner.

**SEC. 2. In effect.** This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Register & Leader and Des Moines Capital, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 3 A. D. 1913.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader April 7, 1913 and in the Des Moines Capital April 5, 1913.

W. S. ALLEN,  
*Secretary of State*

## CHAPTER 65.

## ORGANIZATION, EQUIPMENT AND TAX LEVY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

H. F. 312.

AN ACT to confer certain powers on cities organized under the commission form of government and on cities having a population of five thousand (5000) or more organized under chapter two (2) of title five (5) of the code, and cities organized under special charter, relating to the organization, equipment and operations of fire departments and providing for the levy and collection of a special tax for the use and benefit of such fire departments and granting power to anticipate said tax and to issue fire fund certificates or bonds. [Additional to chapter four (4), of title five (5) of the code relating to general powers of cities and towns.]

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1. Power of certain cities to levy special tax for maintaining fire departments.** Cities organized under the commission form of government, and cities having a population of five thousand (5000) or more organized under chapter two (2) of title five (5) of the code, and cities organized under special charter shall have power to levy a special tax of not to exceed one and one

half mills each year, upon all taxable property in said city, for the purpose of acquiring property for the use of the fire department and equipping the same. No part of the general fund shall be used for equipping said fire department. Nothing in this act shall be held to extend the power of such cities to make annual levies for general and special taxes in excess of forty-eight (48) mills.

SEC. 2. **Maximum tax levy—maturity.** Such cities shall have the power after the purchase of the property and equipment, by ordinance or resolution, to levy at any one time the whole or any part of the cost of such property and equipment upon such taxable property and determine the percentage of tax, not exceeding one and one-half mills, to be paid each year, and the number of years not exceeding ten, given for the maturity of each installment thereof. Certificates of such levy shall be filed with the county auditor in which said city is located, setting forth the amount of percentage and maturity of said tax, or each installment thereof, certified as correct by the city clerk or auditor, and thereupon said tax shall be placed upon the tax lists of the proper county or counties, and collected as other taxes.

SEC. 3. **Fire fund bonds.** Any such city may anticipate the collection of taxes authorized to be levied for a fire fund for the equipment, or purchase of property for the fire department, and for that purpose may issue fire fund certificates or bonds with interest coupons, and the provisions of chapter twelve (12), title five (5) of the code shall be operative as to such certificates, bonds and coupons, in so far as they may be applicable.

SEC. 4. **Bonds secured by assessments.** Said certificates, bonds and interest thereon shall be secured by said assessments and levies and shall be payable only out of the funds derived from such levies and pledged to the payment of the same, and no certificates or bonds shall be issued in excess of taxes authorized and levied to secure the payment of the same. It shall be the duty of such city on receipt of such funds, to hold the same separate and apart in trust for the payment of said certificates, bonds and interest and to apply the proceeds of such funds to the payments of said certificates, bonds and interest.

Approved April 17 A. D. 1913.

## CHAPTER 66.

### AUTHORITY OF CITIES AND TOWNS TO CONTRACT TO PURCHASE HEAT, GAS, WATER AND ELECTRIC CURRENT AND TO SELL THE SAME.

H. F. 212.

AN ACT to amend the law as it appears in section seven hundred twenty (720) supplement to the code, 1907, as amended by chapter forty-four (44) acts of the thirty-third (33) general assembly, and chapter thirty-four (34) acts of the thirty-fourth (34) general assembly and to authorize cities and towns to enter into contracts to purchase heat, gas, and electric current, and to sell the same.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. **Heat—gas—water—electric current—buy and sell.** That the law as it appears in section seven hundred twenty (720) of the supplement to the code, 1907, as amended by chapter forty-four (44) acts of the thirty-third (33) general assembly, and chapter thirty-four (34) acts of the thirty-fourth (34) general assembly be, and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto