

## CHAPTER 194

## PROTECTION FROM FLOODS

S. F. 243

AN ACT relating to protection from floods by cities and towns, and amending section three hundred ninety-five point one (395.1), Code 1954.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section three hundred ninety-five point one (395.1),  
2 Code 1954, is amended by adding after the word, "within" in line  
3 fifteen (15) the words, "or without".

1 SEC. 2. Section three hundred ninety-five point one (395.1), Code  
2 1954, is further amended by adding after the word, "embankments"  
3 in line sixteen (16) the words, "structures, impounding reservoirs,".

Approved March 25, 1957.

## CHAPTER 195

## WATERWORKS TRUSTEES COMPENSATION

S. F. 244

AN ACT relating to the compensation of waterworks trustees in cities and towns.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section three hundred ninety-seven point thirty-two  
2 (397.32), Code 1954, is amended by striking from lines fourteen (14)  
3 to sixteen (16), inclusive, the words, "The compensation of each  
4 trustee shall be not more than one hundred dollars per year, and".

1 SECTION 2. Strike all of Section three hundred ninety-seven point  
2 thirty-three (397.33), Code 1954, and substitute in lieu thereof the  
3 following:

4 "Compensation of trustees. In towns each trustee shall receive a  
5 compensation of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per  
6 year. In cities each trustee shall receive a compensation of not more  
7 than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per year."

Approved April 5, 1957.

## CHAPTER 196

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS UNDER FEDERAL LAW

H. F. 175

AN ACT to permit cities and towns to construct and lease public buildings for the use of the federal government under the terms of Public Law five hundred nineteen (519), 1954, enacted by the Congress of the United States.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Cities and towns shall have power to enter into lease-  
2 purchase agreements, by ordinance, with the Administrator of Gen-

3 eral Services of the United States, or the Postmaster General of the  
4 United States, or any other agency of the federal government or any  
5 combination of said departments or agencies, under the terms and  
6 conditions and with the limitations of the act of Congress, Public Law  
7 five hundred nineteen (519) of 1954, for the establishment, construc-  
8 tion and maintenance of public buildings for the use of the federal  
9 government in such cities and towns.

1 SEC. 2. Such agreements shall provide for a rental sufficient to  
2 amortize:

3 1. The cost of improvements to be constructed plus the fair market  
4 value, on the date of the agreement, of the site, if owned by the city or  
5 town, or

6 2. The fair market value, on the date of the agreement, of the com-  
7 pleted improvements together with the site thereof, or

8 3. A combination of the foregoing in the case of existing improve-  
9 ments to be remodeled by the city or town.

10 Such agreements shall also provide for a reasonable rate of interest  
11 on the outstanding principal and reimburse the city or town for the  
12 cost of any other obligation assumed by it under the contract.

1 SEC. 3. Nothing in the Act contained shall be so construed as to  
2 authorize or permit any municipality to make any contract or to incur  
3 any obligation of any kind or nature except such as shall be payable  
4 solely out of the rentals from such buildings. Such cities and towns  
5 may issue bonds payable solely and only from the revenues derived  
6 from such improvements.

7 Such bonds may be issued in such amounts as may be necessary to  
8 provide sufficient funds to pay all the costs of construction and oper-  
9 ation of such improvement, including engineering and other expenses,  
10 together with interest. Bonds issued under the provisions of this chap-  
11 ter are declared to be negotiable instruments, shall be executed by the  
12 mayor and clerk of the municipality, and shall be sealed with the cor-  
13 porate seal of the municipality. The principal and interest of said  
14 bonds shall be payable solely and only from the special fund herein  
15 provided for such payments, and said bonds shall not in any respect  
16 be a general obligation of such municipality, nor shall they be pay-  
17 able in any manner by taxation. All details pertaining to the issuance  
18 of such bonds and the terms and conditions thereof shall be determined  
19 by ordinance of the municipality.

1 SEC. 4. The council of the municipality by ordinance may pledge  
2 the property purchased and the net earnings of the improvements to  
3 the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon, and provide that  
4 the net earnings thereof shall be set apart as a sinking fund for that  
5 purpose.

1 SEC. 5. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall  
2 take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publica-  
3 tion in the Nonpareil, a newspaper published at Council Bluffs, Iowa,  
4 and in the Neola Gazette-Reporter, a newspaper published at Neola,  
5 Iowa.

Approved April 10, 1957.

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned, Secretary of State of Iowa,  
under the provisions of section 3.9, Code of Iowa, 1954, the Nonpareil, Council Bluffs,

Iowa, being nonexistent, the Council Bluffs Nonpareil, a newspaper published in Council Bluffs, Iowa, is designated to publish the foregoing Act, House File 175.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State.*

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, House File 175, was published in the Council Bluffs Nonpareil, Council Bluffs, Iowa, April 13, 1957, and in the Neola Gazette-Reporter, Neola, Iowa, April 18, 1957.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 197

### URBAN RENEWAL LAW

S. F. 184

AN ACT to provide for the rehabilitation, clearance, and redevelopment of slums and blighted areas in cities and towns.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "urban renewal law".

1 SEC. 2. 1. It is hereby found and declared that there exist in  
2 municipalities of the state slum and blighted areas, as herein defined,  
3 which constitute a serious and growing menace, injurious to the  
4 public health, safety, morals and welfare of the residents of the state;  
5 that the existence of such areas contributes substantially and in-  
6 creasingly to the spread of disease and crime, constitutes an economic  
7 and social liability imposing onerous municipal burdens which de-  
8 crease the tax base and reduce tax revenues, substantially impairs or  
9 arrests the sound growth of municipalities, retards the provision of  
10 housing accommodations, aggravates traffic problems and substan-  
11 tially impairs or arrests the elimination of traffic hazards and substan-  
12 tially impairs or arrests the improvement of traffic facilities; and that the prevention and elimi-  
13 nation of slums and blighted areas is a matter of state policy and  
14 state concern in order that the state and its municipalities shall not  
15 continue to be endangered by areas which are focal centers of dis-  
16 ease, promote juvenile delinquency and consume an excessive pro-  
17 portion of state revenues because of the extra services required for  
18 police, fire, accident, hospitalization and other forms of public pro-  
19 tection, services and facilities.

20 2. It is further found and declared that certain slum or blighted  
21 areas, or portions thereof, may require acquisition, clearance, and  
22 disposition subject to use restrictions, as provided in this Act, since  
23 the prevailing condition of decay may make impracticable the recla-  
24 mation of the area by conservation or rehabilitation; that other areas  
25 or portions thereof may, through the means provided in this Act, be  
26 susceptible of conservation or rehabilitation in such a manner that  
27 the conditions and evils hereinbefore enumerated may be eliminated,  
28 remedied or prevented; and that fringe areas can be conserved and  
29 rehabilitated through appropriate public action as herein authorized,  
30 and through the cooperation and voluntary action of the owners and  
31 tenants of property in such areas.

32 3. It is further found and declared that the powers conferred by