

## COUNTY HOSPITALS

**347.1 through 347.6** Repealed by 81 Acts, ch 117, § 1097.

### **347.7 Tax levies.**

If a county hospital is established, the board of supervisors, at the time of levying ordinary taxes, shall levy a tax at the rate voted not to exceed fifty-four cents per thousand dollars of assessed value in any one year for the erection and equipment of the hospital, and also a tax not to exceed twenty-seven cents per thousand dollars of value for the improvement, maintenance, and replacements of the hospital, as certified by the board of hospital trustees. However, in counties having a population of two hundred twenty-five thousand or over, the levy for taxes payable in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and for subsequent fiscal years, for improvements and maintenance of the hospital shall not exceed two dollars and five cents per thousand dollars of assessed value in any one year. The proceeds of the taxes constitute the county public hospital fund and the fund is subject to review by the board of supervisors in counties having a population of two hundred twenty-five thousand or over. However, the board of trustees of a county hospital, where funds are available in the county public hospital fund of the county which are unappropriated, may use the unappropriated funds for erecting and equipping hospital buildings and additions to the hospital buildings without authority from the voters of the county.

No levy shall be made for the improvement, maintenance, or replacements of the hospital until the hospital has been constructed, staffed, and receiving patients. If revenue bonds are issued and outstanding under section 331.461, subsection 2, paragraph "d", the board may levy a tax to pay operating and maintenance expenses in lieu of the authority otherwise contained in this section not to exceed twenty-seven cents per thousand dollars of assessed value or not to exceed one dollar and twenty-one and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value for improvements and maintenance of the hospital in counties having a population of two hundred twenty-five thousand or over.

In addition to levies otherwise authorized by this section, the board of supervisors may levy a tax at the rate, not to exceed twenty-seven cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, necessary to raise the amount budgeted by the board of hospital trustees for support of ambulance service as authorized in section 347.14, subsection 14.

The tax levy authorized by this section for operation and maintenance of the hospital may be available in whole or in part to any county with or without a county hospital organized under this chapter, to be used to enhance rural health services in the county. However, the tax levied may be expended for enhancement of rural health care services only following a local planning process. The Iowa department of public health shall establish guidelines to be followed by counties in implementing the local planning process which shall require legal notice, public hearings, and a referendum in accordance with this section and section 347.30 prior to the authorization of any new levy or a change in the use of a levy. Enhancement of rural health services for which the tax levy pursuant to this section may be used includes but is not limited to emergency medical services, health care services shared with other hospitals, rural health clinics, and support for rural health care practitioners and public health services. When alternative use of funds from the tax levy authorized by this section is proposed in a county with a county hospital organized under this chapter, use of the funds shall be agreed upon by the elected board of trustees of the county hospital. When alternative use of funds from the tax levy authorized by this section is proposed in a county without a county hospital organized under this chapter, use of the funds shall be agreed upon by the board of supervisors and any publicly elected hospital board of trustees within the county prior to submission of the question to the voters. Moneys raised from a tax levied in accordance with this paragraph shall be designated and administered by the board of supervisors in a manner consistent with the purposes of the levy.

[S13, § 409-b, -j; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § 5353; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, S81, § 347.7; 81 Acts, ch 117, § 1061]

85 Acts, ch 185, § 2; 89 Acts, ch 304, § 704; 95 Acts, ch 159, §1, 2; 2001 Acts, ch 75, §1, 2

## Footnotes

Additional levies; see § 347.14(10)

**347.8** Repealed by 81 Acts, ch 117, § 1097.

### **347.9 Trustees appointment terms of office.**

When it has been determined by the voters of a county to establish a county public hospital, the board shall appoint seven trustees chosen from among the resident citizens of the county with reference to their fitness for office, and not more than four of the trustees shall be residents of the city at which the hospital is located. The trustees shall hold office until the following general election, at which time their successors shall be elected, two for a term of two years, two for four years, and three for six years, and they shall determine by lot their respective terms, and thereafter their successors shall be elected for regular terms of six years each. A person or spouse of a person with medical or special staff privileges in the county public hospital or who receives direct or indirect compensation in an amount greater than one thousand five hundred dollars in a calendar year from the county public hospital or direct or indirect compensation in an amount greater than one thousand five hundred dollars in a calendar year from a person contracting for services with the hospital shall not be eligible to serve as a trustee for that county public hospital. However, this section does not prohibit a licensed health care practitioner from serving as a hospital trustee if the practitioner's sole use of the county hospital is to provide health care service to an individual with mental retardation as defined in section 222.2.

[S13, § 409-c; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **5355**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 347.9]

86 Acts, ch 1200, § 3; 99 Acts, ch 36, §3; 2001 Acts, ch 65, §1

### **347.10 Vacancies.**

Vacancies in the board of trustees may, until the next general election, be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the board of trustees or, if fewer than four trustees remain on the board, by the board of supervisors for the period until the vacancies are filled by election. If any board member is absent for four consecutive regular board meetings, without prior excuse, the member's position shall be declared vacant and filled as set out in this section.

[S13, § 409-e; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **5356**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 347.10]

94 Acts, ch 1180, §49

### **347.11 Organization meetings quorum.**

Said trustees shall qualify by taking the usual oath of office as provided in chapter 63, but no bond shall be required of them, except as hereafter provided, and organize by the election of one of their number as chairperson and one as secretary, and one as treasurer. The secretary and treasurer shall each file with the chairperson of the board a surety bond in such penal sum as the board of trustees may require and with sureties to be approved by the board for the use and benefit of the county public hospital. The reasonable cost of such bonds shall be paid from operating funds of the hospital. The secretary shall report to the county auditor and treasurer the names of the chairperson, secretary and treasurer of the board of hospital trustees as

soon as practicable after the qualification of each. Said board shall meet at least once each month. Four members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The secretary shall keep a complete record of its proceedings.

[S13, § 409-d; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § 5357; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 347.11]

97 Acts, ch 170, § 86

## **Footnotes**

Oath of office, § 63.10

### **347.12 Officers' duties purchasing regulations.**

The treasurer of the county hospital shall receive and disburse all funds. Warrants shall be drawn by the secretary and countersigned by the chairperson of the board after the claim has been certified by the board. However, the board may adopt purchasing regulations to govern the purchase of specified goods and services without the prior certification by the board. The purchasing regulations shall conform to generally accepted practices followed by public purchasing officers.

The treasurer of the county hospital shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements and shall register all orders drawn and reported to the treasurer by the secretary, showing the number, date, to whom drawn, the fund upon which drawn, the purpose and amount.

The secretary of the hospital board of trustees shall file monthly on or before the thirtieth day of each month with such board a complete statement of all receipts and disbursements from all funds during the preceding month, and also the balance remaining on hand in such funds at the close of the period covered by said statement.

Before the fifteenth day of each month, the county treasurer shall give notice to the chairperson of the board of hospital trustees of the amount of revenue collected for each fund of the hospital to the first day of that month and the county treasurer shall pay the taxes to the treasurer of the hospital as provided in section 331.552, subsection 29.

[S13, § 409-d; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § 5358; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 347.12]

84 Acts, ch 1003, § 6; 92 Acts, ch 1024, § 2; 99 Acts, ch 36, §4

### **347.13 Duties and powers.**

Said board of hospital trustees shall:

1. Purchase, condemn, or lease a site for such public hospital, and provide and equip suitable hospital buildings.
2. Cause plans and specifications to be made and adopted for all hospital buildings, and advertise for bids, as required by law for other county buildings, before making a contract for the construction of a building.
3. Procure equipment under bidding and contracting requirements prescribed by the board and procure supplies necessary for the operation of the hospital.
4. Have general supervision and care of such grounds and buildings.

5. Employ an administrator, and necessary assistants and employees, and fix their compensation.
6. Have control and supervision over the physicians, nurses, attendants, and patients in the hospital.
7. Provide a suitable room for detention and examination of persons brought before the commissioners of hospitalization of the county, if such hospital is located at the county seat.
8. Determine whether or not any applicant is indigent or tuberculous and entitled to free treatment therein, and to fix the price to be paid by other patients admitted to such hospital for their care and treatment therein.
9. Fix the amount necessary for the improvement and maintenance of the hospital and for support of ambulance service during the ensuing fiscal year, and cause the president and the secretary to certify the amount to the county auditor before March 15 of each year, subject to any limitation in section 347.7.
10. Make available to the board of supervisors a statement of all receipts and expenditures from the preceding fiscal year.
11. Accept property by gift, devise, bequest, or otherwise; and, if said board deems it advisable, may, at public sale, sell or exchange any property so accepted upon a concurring vote of a majority of all members of the board of hospital trustees, and apply the proceeds thereof, or property received in exchange therefor, to the purposes enumerated in subsection 12 hereof or for equipment.
12. Submit to the voters at an election held on a date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4, paragraph "a", a proposition to sell or lease any sites and buildings, excepting those described in subsection 11, and upon such proposition being carried by a majority of the total number of votes cast at such election, may proceed to sell such property at either public or private sale, and apply the proceeds only for:
  - a. Retirement of bonds issued and outstanding in connection with the purchase of said property so sold;
  - b. Repairs or improvements to property owned or for the purchase or lease of equipment as the board of hospital trustees may determine.
13. When it is determined by said board that all or a part of the facilities acquired under the provisions of this chapter and operated as a tuberculosis sanatorium are no longer needed for the uses provided or permitted under this chapter, the board may lease to the county or any political subdivision thereof for any public purpose, such facilities or such part thereof as the board deems proper.
14. There shall be published quarterly in each of the official newspapers of the county as selected by the board of supervisors pursuant to section 349.1 the schedule of bills allowed and there shall be published annually in such newspapers the schedule of salaries paid by job classification and category, but not by listing names of individual employees. The names, addresses, salaries, and job classification of all employees paid in whole or in part from a tax levy shall be a public record and open to inspection at reasonable times as designated by the board of trustees.

[S13, § 409-d, -g, -h, -j, -l, -m, -p, -r; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § 5359; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, S81, § 347.13; 81 Acts, ch 117, § 1062, ch 120, § 1]

84 Acts, ch 1201, § 1, 2; 85 Acts, ch 185, §3; 99 Acts, ch 36, §5, 6; 2004 Acts, ch 1032, §1; 2008 Acts, ch 1115, §57, 71

## Footnotes

Powers under consolidation, § 348.2

### **347.14 Powers.**

The board of hospital trustees may:

1. Adopt bylaws and rules for its own guidance and for the government of the hospital.
2. Establish and maintain in connection with said hospital a training school for nurses.
3. Establish as a department in connection with said hospital a suitable building for the isolation and detention of persons afflicted with contagious diseases subject to quarantine.
4. Determine whether or not, and if so upon what terms, it will extend the privileges of the hospital to nonresidents of the county.
5. Adopt some suitable name other than county public hospital for hospitals either operating now, in process of construction, or to be established hereafter.
6. Operate said hospital as a tuberculosis sanatorium or provide as a department of such hospital suitable accommodation and means for the care of persons afflicted with tuberculosis.
7. Formulate rules and regulations for the government of tuberculous patients and for the protection of other patients, nurses, and attendants from infection.
8. In counties having a population of one hundred thirty-five thousand inhabitants or over, establish a psychiatric department in connection with the hospital to provide for admission of patients for observation, examination, diagnosis and treatment.
9. Procure and pay premiums on any and all insurance policies required for the prudent management of the hospital, including but not limited to public liability, professional malpractice liability, workers' compensation and vehicle liability. Said insurance may include as additional insureds the board of trustees and employees of the hospital. This subsection applies to all county hospitals whether organized under this chapter, chapter 347A, chapter 37, or otherwise established by law.
10. Certify levies for a tax in excess of any tax levy limit to meet its obligations to pay the premium costs on tort liability insurance, property insurance, workers' compensation insurance, and any other insurance that may be necessary for the prudent management and operation of the county public hospital, the costs of a self-insurance program, the costs of a local government risk pool, and amounts payable under any insurance agreements to provide or procure such insurance, self-insurance program, or local government risk pool.
11. Do all things necessary for the management, control and government of said hospital and exercise all the rights and duties pertaining to hospital trustees generally, including but not limited to authorizing delivery of any health care service, assisted or independent living service, or other ancillary service, unless such rights of hospital trustees generally are specifically denied by this chapter, or unless such duties are expressly charged by this chapter.
12. The said trustees may in their discretion establish a fund for depreciation as a separate fund. Said funds may be invested in United States government bonds and when so invested the accumulation of interest on the bonds so purchased shall be used for the purposes of said depreciation fund; such investment when so made shall remain in said United States government bonds until such time as in the judgment of the board of trustees it is deemed advisable to use said funds for hospital purposes.
13. Operate a health care facility as defined in section 135C.1 in conjunction with the hospital.

14. Purchase, lease, equip, maintain and operate an ambulance or ambulances to provide necessary and sufficient ambulance service or to contract for such vehicles, equipment, maintenance or service when such ambulance service is not otherwise available.

15. *a.* Submit to the voters at an election held on a date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4, paragraph "a", a proposition to sell or lease a county public hospital for use as a private hospital or as a merged area hospital under chapter 145A or to sell or lease a county hospital in conjunction with the establishment of a merged area hospital. The authorization of the board of hospital trustees submitting the proposition may, but is not required to, contain conditions which provide for maintaining hospital care within the county, for the retention of county public hospital employees and staff, and for the continuation of the board of trustees for the purpose of carrying out provisions of contracts. The property listed in section 347.13, subsection 11, may be included in the proposition, but the proceeds from the property shall be used for the purposes listed in section 347.13, subsection 12, or for the purpose of providing health care for residents of the county. Proceeds from the sale or lease of the county hospital or other assets of the board of trustees shall not be used for the prepayment of health care services for residents of the county with the purchaser or lessee of the county hospital or to underwrite the sale or lease of the county hospital.

*b.* The proposition submitted to the voters of the county shall not be set forth at length, but it shall be in substantially the following form:

"Shall the board of hospital trustees of ..... county, state of Iowa, be authorized to ..... (state authorization which may exclude the conditions) in accordance with the terms of authorization approved at the meeting of ..... (cite date) of the board of hospital trustees?"

*c.* If the proposition is approved by a majority of the total votes cast for and against the proposition at the election, the board of hospital trustees shall proceed to carry out the authorization granted.

16. Borrow moneys to be secured solely by hospital revenues for the purposes of improvement, maintenance, or replacement of the hospital or for hospital equipment.

[S13, § 409-d, -k, -o, -q; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § 5360; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, S81, § 347.14; 81 Acts, ch 78, § 20, 47]

85 Acts, ch 185, §4; 91 Acts, ch 160, §11; 99 Acts, ch 36, §7, 8; 2008 Acts, ch 1115, §58, 71

**347.15** Repealed by 2001 Acts, ch 65, § 2.

### **347.16 Treatment in county hospital terms.**

1. Any resident of a county in this state who is sick or injured shall be entitled to care and treatment in any public hospital established and maintained by that county under this chapter, so long as that person observes the rules of conduct prescribed by the board of hospital trustees. Each patient admitted under this subsection, or the person legally liable for that patient's support, shall pay to the board of hospital trustees reasonable compensation for that patient's care and treatment according to the rules established by the board, unless subsection 2 is applicable.

2. Free care and treatment shall be furnished in a county public hospital to any sick or injured person who fulfills the residency requirements under section 47.4, subsection 1, paragraph "d", Code 1993, in the county maintaining the hospital, and who is indigent. The board of hospital trustees shall determine whether a person is indigent and entitled to free care under this subsection, or may delegate that determination to the general assistance director or the office of the department of human services in that county, subject to guidelines the board may adopt in conformity with applicable statutes.

3. Care and treatment may be furnished in a county public hospital to any sick or injured person who has legal settlement outside the county which maintains the hospital, subject to such policies and rules as the board of hospital trustees may adopt. If care and treatment is provided under this subsection to a person who is indigent, the county in which that person has legal settlement shall pay to the board of hospital trustees the fair and reasonable cost of the care and treatment provided by the county public hospital unless the cost of the indigent person's care and treatment is otherwise provided for. If care and treatment is provided to an indigent person under this subsection, the county public hospital furnishing the care and treatment shall immediately notify, by regular mail, the auditor of the county of legal settlement of the indigent person of the provision of care and treatment to the indigent person.

4. A county public hospital may, but shall not be required to, provide care and treatment for persons afflicted with tuberculosis. If treatment for tuberculosis is provided by a county public hospital, the provisions of this section shall be applicable to persons admitted to that hospital for such treatment.

[S13, § 409-k; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § 5362; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 347.16]

83 Acts, ch 96, § 157, 159; 92 Acts, ch 1212, § 34; 95 Acts, ch 49, §10; 95 Acts, ch 119, §3, 5

#### **347.17 Accounts collection.**

It shall be the duty of the trustees either by themselves or through the superintendent to make collections of all accounts for hospital services rendered to persons other than indigent patients or patients entitled to free care as provided in section 347.16. Such account shall be payable on presentation to the person liable therefor of an itemized statement and if not paid or secured within sixty days after such presentation the said trustees shall proceed to enforce collections by such means as are necessary and are authorized to employ any person for that purpose, and if legal proceedings are required they may employ counsel, the employment in either event to be on such arrangement for compensation as the trustees deem appropriate, provided, however, that should the county attorney act as attorney for the board in any such legal proceedings the county attorney shall serve without additional compensation.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § 5363; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 347.17]

#### **347.18 Discrimination.**

In the management of such hospital, no discrimination shall be made against the practitioners of any recognized school of medicine; and each patient shall have the right to employ at the patient's expense any physician of the patient's choice; and any such physician, when so employed by the patient, shall have exclusive charge of the care and treatment of the patient; and attending nurses shall be subject to the direction of such physician.

[S13, § 409-n; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § 5364; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 347.18]

#### **Footnotes**

Applicable to hospitals payable from revenue, § 347A.5

#### **347.19 Compensation expenses.**

No trustee shall receive any compensation for services performed under this chapter, but a trustee shall be reimbursed for any cash expenditures actually made for personal expenses incurred in the performance of duties. An itemized statement of such expenses, verified by the oath of each such trustee, shall be filed with the secretary, and the same shall only be allowed by an affirmative vote of all trustees present at the meeting of the board.

[S13, § 409-d; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § 5365; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 347.19]

### **347.20 Municipal jurisdiction.**

When such hospital is located on land outside of, but adjacent to a city, the ordinances of such city relating to fire and police protection and control, sanitary regulations, and public utility service, shall be in force upon and over such hospital and grounds, and such city shall have jurisdiction to enforce such ordinances.

[S13, § 409-i; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § 5366; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 347.20]

**347.21 and 347.22** Repealed by 81 Acts, ch 117, § 1097.

### **347.23 City hospital changed to county hospital.**

1. Any hospital organized and existing as a city hospital may become a county hospital organized and managed as provided for in this chapter, upon a proposition for such purpose being submitted to and approved by a majority of the electors of both the city in which such hospital is located and of the county under whose management it is proposed that such hospital be placed. The proposition shall be placed upon the ballot by the board of supervisors when requested by a petition signed by eligible electors of the county equal in number to five percent of the votes cast for president of the United States or governor, as the case may be, at the last general election. The proposition shall be submitted at an election held on a date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4, paragraph "a". Upon the approval of the proposition the hospital, its assets and liabilities, will become the property of the county and this chapter will govern its future management.

2. The question shall be submitted in substantially the following form:

"Shall the municipal hospital of ..... Iowa, be transferred to and become the property of, and be managed by the county of ..... Iowa?"

3. For the purpose of computing whether or not said proposition is carried, the votes of the residents of the city in which said hospital is located shall be counted both for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the proposition is carried within the city and also for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the proposition is carried within the county.

[C62, 66, 71, 73, § 347.23, 380.12; C75, 77, 79, 81, § 347.23]

2001 Acts, ch 56, §27; 2008 Acts, ch 1115, §59, 71

### **347.23A Memorial hospital or county hospital payable from revenue bonds changed to county hospital.**

1. A hospital established as a memorial hospital under chapter 37 or a county hospital supported by revenue bonds and organized under chapter 347A may become, in accordance with the provisions of this section, a county hospital organized and managed as provided for in this chapter. If the hospital is established by a city as a memorial hospital, the city must be located in the county which will own and manage the hospital. A proposition for the change must be submitted to and approved by a majority of the electors of the county which will own and manage the hospital as provided for in this chapter. In addition, if the hospital is a memorial hospital organized by a city under chapter 37, the proposition must also be approved by a majority of the electors of that city. The proposition shall be submitted to the electors at an election called by the county board of supervisors and held on a date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4, paragraph "a".

2. The proposition shall be placed upon the ballot by the board of supervisors if requested by the hospital's board of trustees or governing commission and the request is endorsed by a petition for this purpose signed by eligible electors of the county equal in number to five percent of the votes cast for president of the United



States or governor, as the case may be, at the last general election. Upon the approval of the proposition the hospital, its assets and liabilities, shall become the property of the county and this chapter shall govern its future management.

a. The question for a memorial hospital established by a city under chapter 37 shall be submitted in substantially the following form: "Shall the ..... hospital of ..... Iowa, be transferred to and become the property of, and be managed by the county of ..... Iowa, under provision of chapter 347 of the Code of Iowa?"

b. The question for a memorial hospital established by a county under chapter 37 or a county hospital supported by revenue bonds and organized under chapter 347A shall be submitted in substantially the following form: "Shall the ..... hospital of ..... Iowa, organized and governed under chapter .... of the Code of Iowa be changed to be established and governed under chapter 347 of the Code of Iowa?"

3. For the purpose of computing whether or not the proposition is carried, if the hospital is a memorial hospital established by a city under the provisions of chapter 37, the votes of the residents of that city shall be counted both for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the proposition is carried within the city and also for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the proposition is carried within the county.

94 Acts, ch 1135, §2; 2001 Acts, ch 56, §28; 2008 Acts, ch 1115, §60, 71

#### **347.24 Law applicable to other hospitals.**

Hospitals organized under chapter 37 or chapter 347A may be operated as provided for in this chapter in any way not clearly inconsistent with the specific provisions of their chapters.

[C62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 347.24]

#### **347.25 Election of trustees.**

The election of hospital trustees whose offices are established by this chapter or chapter 145A or 347A shall take place at the general election on ballots which shall not reflect a nominee's political affiliation. Nomination shall be made by petition in accordance with chapter 45. The petition form shall be furnished by the county commissioner of elections, signed by fifty eligible electors of the county, and shall be filed with the county commissioner of elections. A plurality is sufficient to elect hospital trustees.

If any of the provisions of this section shall be in conflict with any of the laws of this state, then the provisions of this section shall prevail.

[C62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 347.25]

85 Acts, ch 135, §1; 91 Acts, ch 129, §26

#### **347.26 Health care facility in existing hospital.**

In any county where there is a county hospital in existence, a health care facility as defined in section 135C.1 may be established to be operated in conjunction therewith, and all of the provisions of this chapter and all of the proceedings authorized thereby relating to hospital buildings and additions thereto, shall apply to erecting, equipping and procuring sites for such facilities and additions thereto, as well as for improvements, maintenance and replacements of such facilities.

[C62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 347.26]

**347.27** Repealed by 81 Acts, ch 117, § 1097.

**347.28 Sale or lease of property.**

A county or city hospital may lease or sell any of its property which is not needed for hospital purposes to any person, upon approval by the board of trustees.

[C75, 77, 79, 81, § 347.28]

86 Acts, ch 1200, § 4

**347.29 Use of property.**

A county or city hospital may use property received by gift, devise, bequest, or otherwise, or the proceeds from the sale of property, for the construction of facilities for lease or sale, upon approval by the board of trustees.

[C75, 77, 79, 81, § 347.29]

86 Acts, ch 1200, § 5

**347.30 Notice and hearing.**

A county or city hospital shall serve notice and hold a public hearing before selling or leasing any real property pursuant to sections 347.28 and 347.29. The notice shall definitely describe the property, indicate the date and location of the hearing, and shall be published by at least one insertion each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the county where the property is located. The hearing shall not take place prior to two weeks after the second publication.

A county or city hospital shall serve notice before selling or leasing any personal property pursuant to sections 347.28 and 347.29. The notice shall definitely describe the property and shall be published by at least one insertion each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the county where the property is located.

[C75, 77, 79, 81, § 347.30]

86 Acts, ch 1200, § 6; 99 Acts, ch 36, §9

**347.31 Community recreation facilities and programs.**

A county or city hospital may expend available funds for establishment and operation of facilities, programs, and services which provide health benefits to persons served by those facilities, programs, or services. Where appropriate, the county or city hospital shall enter into an agreement pursuant to chapter 28E.

86 Acts, ch 1072, § 1

**347.32 Tax status.**

This chapter does not deprive any hospital of its tax exempt or nonprofit status except that portion of hospital property which is used for other than nonprofit, health- related purposes shall be subject to property tax as provided for in section 427.1, subsection 14.

86 Acts, ch 1200, § 7

