

CHAPTER 235

SELF-DETERMINATION POWERS OF CITIES AND TOWNS

H. F. 380

AN ACT relating to the powers of cities and towns and to confer upon them broad powers of self-determination with respect to local and internal affairs.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section three hundred sixty-eight point two (368.2),
 2 Code 1962, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:
 3 "It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state of Iowa that the
 4 provisions of the Code relating to the powers, privileges, and immu-
 5 nities of cities and towns are intended to confer broad powers of self-
 6 determination as to strictly local and internal affairs upon such munic-
 7 ipal corporations and should be liberally construed in favor of such
 8 corporations. The rule that cities and towns have only those powers
 9 expressly conferred by statute has no application to this Code. Its
 10 provisions shall be construed to confer upon such corporations broad
 11 and implied power over all local and internal affairs which may exist
 12 within constitutional limits. No section of the Code which grants a
 13 specific power to cities and towns, or any reasonable class thereof,
 14 shall be construed as narrowing or restricting the general grant of
 15 powers hereinabove conferred unless such restriction is expressly set
 16 forth in such statute or unless the terms of such statute are so com-
 17 prehensive as to have entirely occupied the field of its subject. How-
 18 ever, statutes which provide a manner or procedure for carrying out
 19 their provisions or exercising a given power shall be interpreted as
 20 providing the exclusive manner of procedure and shall be given sub-
 21 stantial compliance, but legislative failure to provide an express man-
 22 ner or procedure for exercising a conferred power shall not prevent
 23 its exercise. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this section,
 24 cities and towns shall not have power to levy any tax, assessment,
 25 excise, fee, charge or other exaction except as expressly authorized
 26 by statute."

1 SEC. 2. Cities and towns shall not have power to license construc-
 2 tion contractors.

Approved May 20, 1963.

CHAPTER 236

FIRE-CRASH TRUCKS FOR CITIES AND TOWNS

S. F. 351

AN ACT relating to the acquisition of vehicles and equipment by cities and towns.

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

1 SECTION 1. Cities and towns are hereby authorized to lease or
 2 otherwise acquire fire-crash trucks and other vehicles and equipment