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} support of the state government and its existing  
{ public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1953.

Passed the House March 9, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1953, with  
the exception of section 4, which is vetoed.

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CHAPTER 193.

[ S. B. 206. ]

CITY AND TOWN STREETS AS PART OF STATE  
HIGHWAYS—JURISDICTION.

AN ACT relating to franchises upon public streets and highways  
and amending section 47.24.020, RCW.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of  
Washington:*

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 47.24.020, RCW, derived from  
section 61, chapter 187, Laws of 1937, as last amended  
by section 5, chapter 220, Laws of 1949, is hereby  
amended to read as follows:

The jurisdiction, control and duty of the state and  
city and [or] town with respect to such streets shall  
be as follows:

Grades.

(1) The director shall have no authority to  
change or establish any grade of any such street  
without approval of the governing body of such city  
or town;

Exclusive  
jurisdiction  
of city or  
town.

(2) The city and [or] town shall exercise full re-  
sponsibility for and control over any such street  
beyond the curbs, and if no curb is installed beyond  
the portion of the highway used for highway pur-  
poses;

Signs,  
banners and  
decorations.

(3) The director shall have authority to prohibit  
the suspension of signs, banners or decorations above  
the portion of such street between the curbs or por-  
tion used for highway purposes up to a vertical

height of twenty feet above the surface of the roadway;

(4) The city or town shall at its own expense maintain all underground facilities in such streets, and shall have the right to construct such additional underground facilities as may be necessary in such streets;

Underground facilities.

(5) The city or town shall have the right to grant the privilege to open the surface of any such street, but all damage occasioned thereby shall promptly be repaired either by the city or town itself or at its direction;

Opening street surfaces.

(6) The city or town at its own expense shall provide street illumination and shall clean all such streets, including storm sewer inlets and catch basins, and remove all snow, except that the state shall when necessary plow the snow on the roadway;

Illumination and cleaning.

(7) The director shall have the right to utilize all storm sewers on such highways without cost; and if new storm sewer facilities are necessary in construction of new streets by the director, the cost of such facilities shall be borne by the state and/or city as may be mutually agreed upon between the director and the governing body of the city or town;

Storm sewers.

(8) Cities and towns shall have exclusive right to grant franchises over, beneath and upon such streets, but the state highway commission shall be authorized to enforce in an action brought in the name of the state any condition of any franchise which a city or town shall have granted on such street: *Provided*, That no franchise for transportation of passengers in motor vehicles shall be granted on such streets without the approval of the director, but the director shall not refuse to approve such franchise unless another street conveniently located and of strength of construction to sustain travel of such vehicles is accessible;

Franchises; power to grant.

Enforcement.

Transportation of passengers in motor vehicles.

Public utilities.

(9) Every franchise or permit granted any person by a city or town for use of any portion of such street by a public utility shall require the grantee or permittee to restore, repair and replace to its original condition any portion of the street damaged or injured by it;

Overload and overwidth permits.

(10) The city or town shall have the right to issue overload or overwidth permits for vehicles to operate on such streets or roads subject to regulations printed and distributed to the cities and towns by the director;

Traffic control and parking; regulation and enforcement.

(11) Cities and towns shall regulate and enforce all traffic and parking restrictions on such streets, but all regulations adopted shall be subject to the approval of the director before becoming effective. Traffic control and parking regulations heretofore adopted by a city or town not identical with state laws shall become null and void unless approved by the director within one year after March 21, 1949;

Route markers and street signs.

(12) The director shall erect, control and maintain at state expense all route markers, and directional signs, except street signs, on such streets;

Traffic control signals, signs and devices.

(13) The director shall install, operate, maintain and control at state expense all traffic control signals, signs and traffic control devices in cities having a population of fifteen thousand or less according to the latest federal census. Cities and towns having a population in excess of fifteen thousand according to the latest federal census shall install, maintain, operate and control such signals, signs and devices at their own expense, subject to approval of the director for the installation and type only. For the purpose of this subdivision striping, lane marking and channelization are considered traffic control devices;

Parking meters.

(14) All revenue from parking meters placed on such streets shall belong to the city or town;

Rights-of-way.

(15) Rights-of-way for such streets shall be acquired by either the city or town or by the state as

shall be mutually agreed upon. Costs of acquiring rights-of-way may be at the sole expense of the state or at the expense of the city or town or at the expense of the state and the city or town as may be mutually agreed upon. Title to all rights-of-way so acquired shall vest in the city or town: *Provided*, That no vacation, sale, or rental of any unused portion of any such street shall be made by the city or town without the approval of the director; and all revenue derived from sale, vacation or rental of such rights-of-way shall be shared by the city or town and the state in the same proportion as the purchase costs were shared.

Passed the Senate March 12, 1953.

Passed the House March 9, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1953.

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## CHAPTER 194.

[ S. B. 209. ]

### METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICTS—GRANT OF PROPERTY, FISCAL AID, BY CITIES.

AN ACT relating to cities within or comprising a metropolitan park district and to the powers of such cities and districts; and amending section 35.61.290, RCW.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. That section 35.61.290, RCW, as derived from sections 18 and 19, chapter 264, Laws of 1943, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Any city within or comprising any metropolitan park district may turn over to the park district any lands which it may own, or any street, avenue, or public place within the city for playground, park or parkway purposes, and thereafter its control and management shall vest in the board of park com- City aid; property grants.