

County contracts.

sible, supplies shall be purchased in quantities for a period of at least three months, and not to exceed one year. Supplies generally used throughout the various departments shall be standardized insofar as possible.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1965.

Passed the House March 10, 1965.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1965.

CHAPTER 114.

[ Senate Bill No. 219. ]

CITIES AND TOWNS—PUBLIC WORKS—PURCHASES—BIDS.

AN ACT relating to cities and towns; amending section 35.23.352, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 3) and RCW 35-.23.352.

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

RCW 35.23.352 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 35.23.352, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 3) and RCW 35.23.352 are each amended to read as follows:

Second and third class cities, towns—Contracts, purchases—Advertising—Call for bids—Bid proposal deposits, forfeiture of—Exceptions.

Any city or town of the second, third or fourth class may construct any public work or improvement by contract or day labor without calling for bids therefor whenever the estimated cost of such work or improvement, including cost of materials, supplies and equipment will not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Whenever the cost of such public work or improvement, including materials, supplies and equipment, will exceed five thousand dollars, the same shall be done by contract. All such contracts shall be let at public bidding upon posting notice calling for sealed bids upon the work. Such notice thereof shall be posted in a public place in the city or town and by publication in the official newspaper

once each week for two consecutive weeks before the date fixed for opening the bids. The notice shall generally state the nature of the work to be done that plans and specifications therefor shall then be on file in the city hall for public inspections, and require that bids be sealed and filed with the council or commission within the time specified therein. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in the form of a cashier's check, postal money order, or surety bond to the council or commission for a sum of not less than five percent of the amount of the bid, and no bid shall be considered unless accompanied by such bid proposal deposit. If there is no official newspaper the notice shall be published in a newspaper published or of general circulation in the city or town. The city council or commission of the city or town shall let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder or shall have power by resolution to reject any or all bids and to make further calls for bids in the same manner as the original call, or if in its judgment the improvement or work, including the purchase of supplies, material and equipment, can be done by the city at less cost than the lowest bid submitted it may do so without making a further call for bids or awarding any contract therefor and in such case all such bid proposal deposits shall be returned to the bidder; but if the contract is let then all bid proposal deposits shall be returned to the bidders except that of the successful bidder which shall be retained until a contract is entered into and a bond to perform the work furnished, with surety satisfactory to the council or commission, in the full amount of the contract price. If the bidder fails to enter into the contract in accordance with his bid and furnish such bond within ten days from the date at which he is notified that he is the successful bidder, the check or postal money order and the amount thereof shall be forfeited to the council or commission or the

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council or commission shall recover the amount of the surety bond. If no bid is received on the first call the city council or commission may readvertise and make a second call, or may enter into a contract without any further call or may purchase the supplies, material or equipment and perform such work or improvement by day labor.

Any purchase of supplies, material, equipment or services, except for public work or improvement, where the cost thereof exceeds two thousand dollars shall be made upon call for bids in the same method and under the same conditions as required herein on a call for bids for public work or improvement.

Bids shall be called annually and at a time and in the manner prescribed by ordinance for the publication in a newspaper published or of general circulation in the city or town of all notices or newspaper publications required by law. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1965.

Passed the House March 10, 1965.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1965.

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CHAPTER 115.

[ Senate Bill No. 220. ]

CONVEYANCE OF LANDS IN WALLA WALLA COUNTY.

AN Act authorizing the conveyance of certain lands in Walla Walla county to Percy M. Aldrich and Arlene K. Aldrich, husband and wife.

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

SECTION 1. Upon the payment to the state of Washington of the sum of two thousand eight hundred and eighty-three dollars, which sum shall be deposited to the account of the state general fund

Public lands. Conveyance of in Walla Walla county.