

## CHAPTER 173.

[S. B. 35.]

## PUBLIC UTILITIES.

AN ACT authorizing cities and towns to construct, condemn and purchase, purchase, acquire, add to, maintain, conduct and operate certain public utilities; to purchase, acquire, add to, maintain, operate and lease motor vehicles and other agencies of transportation, and to engage in the business of transporting and carrying passengers and freight for hire thereon; and amending Section 9488 of Remington's Compiled Statutes.

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

Amends Rem.  
Comp. Stat.  
§ 9488;  
Pierce's Code  
§ 1214.

SECTION 1. That Section 9488 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, relating to public utilities in cities and towns, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Cities and  
towns.

Waterworks.

Sewerage  
system.

Garbage  
system.

Stone and  
asphalt plants.

Section 9488. Any incorporated city or town within the state be, and hereby is, authorized to construct, condemn and purchase, purchase, acquire, add to, maintain, conduct and operate waterworks, within or without its limits, for the purpose of furnishing such city or town and the inhabitants thereof, and any other persons, with an ample supply of water for all uses and purposes, public and private, including water power and other power derived therefrom, with full power to regulate and control the use, distribution and price thereof; to construct and maintain systems of sewerage, and systems and plants for refuse collection and disposal, with full jurisdiction and authority to manage, regulate and control the same within and without the limits of the corporation; to construct, condemn and purchase, purchase, acquire, add to, maintain and operate works, plants and facilities for the preparation and manufacture of all such stone or asphalt products or compositions or other materials which may be used in street construction or maintenance, together

with the right to use the same, and also to fix the price of and to sell the same for use in the construction of municipal improvements of such city or town; to construct, acquire and operate public markets and one or more cold storage plants for the sale and preservation of butter, eggs, meats, fish, fruits, vegetables, and other perishable provisions; and to construct, condemn and purchase, purchase, acquire, add to, maintain and operate works, plants and facilities for the purpose of furnishing such city or town and the inhabitants thereof, and any other persons, with gas, electricity and other means of power and facilities for lighting, heating, fuel and power purposes, public and private, with full authority to regulate and control the use, distribution and price thereof, together with the right to handle and sell, or lease, any meters, lamps, motors, transformers and equipment or accessories of any and every kind, necessary and convenient for the use, distribution and sale thereof; to authorize the construction of such plant or plants by others for the same purpose, and to purchase such gas, electricity or power from either within or without the city or town for its own use and for the purpose of selling to its inhabitants and to other persons doing business within such city or town, and to regulate and control the use and price thereof; to construct, condemn and purchase, purchase, acquire, add to, maintain, operate or lease cable, electric and other railways within the limits of such city or town for the transportation of freight and passengers above, upon or underneath the ground, with full authority to regulate and control the use and operation thereof, and to fix, alter, regulate and control the fares and rates to be charged thereon; and whenever such city or town shall own and operate a street railway with not less than one hundred (100) miles of main track, to purchase, acquire, add to, maintain, operate and

Public  
markets.Cold storage  
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electricity.Street  
railways.

Automobiles  
and motor  
busses for  
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lease automobiles, motor cars, motor busses, auto trucks, and any and all other forms or methods of transportation of freight or passengers, and, within the corporate limits of such city and in connection with its street railway system only, without the payment of any license fee or tax, or the filing of a bond with, or the securing of a permit from, the Secretary of State, to engage in, carry on, and operate the business of transporting and carrying passengers and freight for hire by any method or combination of methods that the legislative authority of any such city or town may by ordinance provide, with full authority to regulate and control the use and operation of vehicles or other agencies of transportation used for such business, and to fix, alter, regulate and control the fares and rates to be charged therefor; and for the purposes aforesaid, it shall be lawful for any city or town in this state to take, condemn and purchase, purchase, acquire and retain water from any public or navigable lake or water-course percolating or subterranean, or any underflowing water within the state, and, by means of aqueducts or pipe-lines, to conduct the same to said city or town; and such city or town is hereby authorized and empowered to erect and build dams or other works across or at the outlet of any lake or water-course in this state for the purpose of storing and retaining water therein up to and above high-water mark; and for all the purposes of erecting such aqueducts, pipe-lines, dams, or waterworks or other necessary structures in storing and retaining water, as above provided, or for any of the purposes provided for by this act, such city or town shall have the right to occupy and use the beds and shores up to the high-water mark of any such watercourse or lakes, and to acquire the right by purchase, or by condemnation and purchase, or otherwise, to any water, water rights, easements or privileges named

Appropriation  
of water.

Dams.

Use of beds  
and shores.

in this act, or necessary for any of said purposes, and any such city or town shall have the right to acquire by purchase or by condemnation and purchase any lands, properties or privileges necessary to be had to protect the water supply of such city or town from pollution: *Provided*, That should private property be necessary for any such purposes or for storing water above highwater mark, such city or town may condemn and purchase, or purchase and acquire such private property: *And provided further*, that no such dam or other structure shall impede, obstruct or in any way interfere with public navigation of such lake or water-course.

Water supply.

Private property acquired.

Navigation.

Passed the Senate February 8, 1923.

Passed the House March 5, 1923.

Permitted to become a law without the signature of the Governor.

J. GRANT HINKLE,  
*Secretary of State.*

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## CHAPTER 174.

[S. B. 154.]

### STATE FLAG.

AN ACT relating to and declaring and establishing an official flag for the State of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That the official flag of the State of Washington shall be of dark green silk or bunting and shall bear in its center a reproduction of the Seal of the State of Washington embroidered, printed, painted or stamped thereon. The edges of the flag may, or may not, be fringed. If a fringe is used

Described.