

permitted to be so recorded by the laws of this state or by the laws of the United States.

Passed the House February 2, 1943.

Passed the Senate February 17, 1943.

Approved by the Governor February 23, 1943.

CHAPTER 24.

[H. B. 61.]

CIVILIAN DEFENSE.

AN ACT relating to wartime civilian defense in cities and towns; authorizing the creation of civilian defense systems, and the making of expenditures therefor; and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

SECTION 1. During any period when the United States is at war any city or town is hereby authorized:

Civilian Defense system authorized.

(1) To provide for a system of civilian defense and to prescribe the units, officers and personnel thereof, and their powers and duties.

Commission.

(2) To provide for the appointment and removal, and prescribe the powers and duties of a war commission or board or commission of civilian defense: *Provided*, That the members of such commission of defense shall receive no salary.

Non-salaried.

Cooperate with other units.

(3) To permit or require civilian defense officials and employees to cooperate to the extent that it shall deem necessary, advisable or convenient with the national, state or any county or city civilian defense system or unit and with the military and naval authorities of the United States.

Make expenditures.

(4) To incur indebtedness and make expenditures for salaries, wages, supplies, material and equipment for civilian defense when authorized by

ordinance, whether or not provision is made therefor in the current budget.

(5) To enact and enforce penal and other ordinances and regulations necessary or convenient for civilian defense. Make and enforce regulations.

SEC. 2. No city or town shall be liable to any civilian defense officer or employee for any damage or injury sustained by any such officer or employee in performance of his civilian defense work or duties, nor shall any city or town be liable in damages for any acts of negligence or failure to act on the part of any civilian defense official or employee; and no civilian defense official or employee shall be liable in damages for any injury to the person or property of another except for negligent or unlawful conduct or actions done by him or under his direct orders. Non-liability for damage or injury.

SEC. 3. No civilian defense official or employee either volunteer or paid, who devotes his time exclusively to civilian defense work, shall be considered a city officer or employee within any city civil service system. Non-civil service.

SEC. 4. Any expenditure or indebtedness heretofore incurred by any city or town for civilian defense, if made pursuant to authority of any ordinance of the city or town, and any ordinance heretofore adopted by any city or town within the scope of the authority conferred by this act, are hereby ratified and approved. Prior acts validated.

SEC. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately. Effective immediately.

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