

CHAPTER 150.

[S. B. 296.]

CITY STREETS AS PART OF STATE HIGHWAYS.

AN ACT relating to public highways; and amending section 47.24.020, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 and RCW 47.24.020.

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

RCW 47.24.020 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 47.24.020, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 and RCW 47.24.020 are each amended to read as follows:

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

(1) The state highway commission 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, except with respect to limited access facilities established by the state highway commission;

(2) The city or town shall exercise full responsibility for and control over any such street beyond the curbs and if no curb is installed, beyond that portion of the highway used for highway purposes: *Provided*, That within incorporated cities and towns the title to a limited access facility, after purchase and construction by the state alone, shall vest in the state, and the Washington state highway commission shall exercise full jurisdiction, responsibility and control to, and over, such facility as provided in chapter 47.52, as amended;

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(3) The state highway commission shall have authority to prohibit the suspension of signs, banners, or decorations above the portion of such street between the curbs or portion 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;

(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;

(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:

Provided, That in cities and towns having a population of fifteen thousand or less according to the latest federal census, the state, when necessary for public safety, shall assume, at its expense, responsibility, for the stability of the slopes of cuts and fills and the embankments within the right of way to protect the roadway itself: *Provided* further, That the state shall install, maintain and operate all illuminating facilities on any limited access facility, together with their interchanges, located within the corporate limits of any city or town, and shall assume and pay the costs of all such installation, maintenance and operation incurred after November 1, 1954;

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(7) The state highway commission 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 state highway commission, the cost of such facilities shall be borne by the state and/or city as may be mutually agreed upon between the state highway commission and the governing body of the city or town;

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(8) Cities and towns shall have exclusive right to grant franchises, not in conflict with state laws, 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 state highway commission but the state highway commission 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;

(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;

(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 state highway commission;

(11) Cities and towns shall regulate and enforce all traffic and parking restrictions on such streets, but all regulations adopted by a city or town relating to speed, parking, and traffic control devices on such streets not identical to state law relating thereto shall be subject to the approval of the state highway commission before becoming effective. All regulations pertaining to speed, parking, and traffic control devices relating to such streets heretofore adopted by a city or town not identical with state laws shall become null and void unless approved by the state highway commission heretofore or within one year after March 21, 1963;

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

(13) The state highway commission shall install, operate, maintain and control at state expense all traffic control signals, signs and traffic control devices for the purpose of regulating both pedestrian and motor vehicular traffic on, entering upon, or leaving state highways in cities and towns having a population of fifteen thousand or less according to the latest federal census: *Provided*, That such cities and towns may submit to the state highway commission a plan for traffic control signals, signs and traffic control devices desired by them, indicating the location, nature of installation, or type thereof, or a proposed amendment to such an existing plan or installation, and the state highway commission shall consult with the cities or towns concerning the same prior to installing such signals, signs, or devices. 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 state highway commission for the installation and type only. For the purpose of this subdivision striping, lane marking and channelization are considered traffic control devices; Proviso.

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

(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*, Proviso.

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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 state highway commission; 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;

(16) If any city or town shall fail to perform any of its obligations as set forth in this section or in any cooperative agreement entered into with the state highway commission for the maintenance of a city or town street forming part of the route of a state highway, the state highway commission may notify the mayor of such town to perform such necessary maintenance within thirty days. If the city or town within such thirty days shall fail to perform such maintenance or fail to authorize the state highway commission to perform such maintenance as provided by RCW 47.24.050, the state highway commission may perform such maintenance. The state auditor shall pay the cost of such maintenance on vouchers submitted by the state highway commission and deduct the cost from any sums in the motor vehicle fund credited or to be credited to such city or town.

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