

tax for such period has been paid in full and that late payment was due to unavoidable circumstances.

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CHAPTER 155.

[H. B. 258.]

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

AN ACT relating to local improvements in cities and towns, and amending section 13, chapter 98, Laws of 1911, as last amended by section 1, chapter 90, Laws of 1941 (sec. 9365, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 401-25, PPC) to provide an additional method for creating a local improvement district and making assessments therefor.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13, chapter 98, Laws of 1911, as last amended by section 1, chapter 90, Laws of 1941 (sec. 9365, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 401-25, PPC) is amended to read as follows:

Section 13. Every ordinance ordering any improvement mentioned in this act, payment for which shall be made in whole or in part by special assessments, shall establish a local improvement district to be called "Local Improvement District No.," which district shall embrace as near as may be all the property specially benefited by such improvement.

Ordinance establishing improvement district.

Except in the cases herein otherwise specifically provided for, and unless otherwise provided in the ordinance ordering such improvement, such district shall include all the property between the termini of said improvement abutting upon, adjacent, vicinal or proximate to the street, avenue, lane, alley, boulevard, park drive, parkway, public place or square proposed to be improved to a distance back

Property included.

Distances from the improvements.

Unplatted property.

All property within limits held benefited.

Assessment of cost and expense.

from the marginal lines thereof to the center line of the blocks facing or abutting thereon: *Provided*, That in any case such distance back shall be at least ninety (90) feet: *And provided, further*, That in case of unplatted property, the distance back shall be the same distance as that included in the assessment of the platted lands immediately adjacent thereto. All property included within such limits of such local improvement district shall be considered and held to be the property and to be all the property specially benefited by such local improvement, and shall be the property to be assessed to pay the cost and expense thereof or such part thereof as may be chargeable against the property specially benefited by such improvement, which cost and expense shall be assessed upon all of said property so benefited in accordance to the special benefits conferred on such property in proportion to area and distance back from the marginal line of the street or other public way or area improved.

Division into zones or subdivisions.

First subdivision.

Second subdivision.

Third subdivision.

Said local improvement district shall, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount to be assessed against such separate lot, tract, parcel of land or other property within said district be divided into subdivisions or zones paralleling the margin of the street, avenue, lane, alley, boulevard, park drive or parkway, public place or square to be improved, said subdivisions to be numbered respectively first, second, third, fourth, and fifth. The first subdivision shall include all the lands within the district lying between the street margins and lines drawn parallel therewith and thirty (30) feet therefrom. The second subdivision shall include all lands within the district lying between lines drawn parallel with and thirty (30) feet and sixty (60) feet respectively from said margins. The third subdivision shall include all lands within the district lying between lines drawn parallel with and sixty (60) feet and

ninety (90) feet respectively from such street margins. The fourth subdivision shall include all lands, if any, within the district lying between lines drawn parallel with and ninety (90) and one hundred twenty (120) feet respectively from said street margins. The fifth subdivision shall include all lands, if any, within the district lying between a line drawn parallel with and one hundred twenty (120) feet from said street margin and the outer limit of said local improvement district as hereinbefore described.

Fourth
subdivision.

Fifth
subdivision.

The rate of assessment per square foot in each subdivision shall be fixed on the basis that the special benefits conferred on a square foot of land in subdivisions first, second, third, fourth, and fifth, respectively, are related to each other as are the numbers 45, 25, 10, and 5, respectively, and shall be ascertained in the following manner: The products of the number of square feet in subdivisions first, second, third, fourth and fifth respectively, and the numbers 45, 25, 20, 10, and 5, respectively, shall be ascertained, and their sum taken, which sum shall be divided into the total cost and expense of such improvement. The products of the resultant quotient and the numbers 45, 25, 20, 10, and 5, respectively, shall be the separate rate of assessment per square foot for subdivisions first, second, third, fourth, and fifth, respectively. The total assessment thus ascertained against each separate lot, tract, parcel of land, or other property within such district shall be entered upon the assessment roll as to the amount to be levied and assessed against each such separate lot, tract, parcel of land, or other property. Each local improvement district may include adjoining, vicinal or neighboring streets, avenues and alleys, even though the improvement thus made is not connected or continuous: *Provided*, That the cost and expense of each continuous unit of the improve-

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ment shall be ascertained separately, as near as may be, and the assessment rates shall be computed on the basis of said cost and expense in each said unit.

Ordinance may specify other method.

Whenever the nature of the improvement is such that the special benefits conferred on the property are not fairly reflected by the use of the afore-said termini and zone method, the ordinance ordering the improvement may provide that the assessment shall be made against the property of the district in accordance with the special benefits it will derive from the improvement without regard to the zone and termini method herein provided.

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CHAPTER 156.

[H. B. 164.]

CONTROL OF INSECT PESTS AND PLANT DISEASES.

AN ACT to prevent the introduction of insect pests and plant diseases and to control and/or eradicate insect pests and plant diseases in the State of Washington; authorizing the Director of Agriculture to acquire property for certain designated uses; validating certain proceedings heretofore had and done by the Director of Agriculture and/or the Division of Horticulture; to establish a system of certifying nursery stock; prescribing the duties of certain officials; making an appropriation, and providing that this act shall take effect April 1, 1947.

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

Authority to apply quarantine controls.

SECTION 1. The Director of Agriculture of the State of Washington, and the Supervisor of Horticulture of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Washington, are authorized and empowered to apply such quarantine control methods as may be necessary to prevent the introduction of insect pests or plant diseases including the virus disease