

## CHAPTER 156.

[ H. B. 273. ]

## CITIES AND TOWNS—VACATION OF STREETS.

AN ACT relating to vacation of streets and alleys in all cities and towns; amending section 1, chapter 84, Laws of 1901 and RCW 35.79.010 and 35.79.020; and amending section 2, chapter 84, Laws of 1901 as amended by section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1949, and RCW 35.79.030.

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

Division and amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 84, Laws of 1901, (heretofore divided and codified as RCW 35.79.010 and 35.79.020) is divided and amended as set forth in sections 2 and 3 of this act.

RCW 35.79.010 amended.  
Petition by owner—Fixing time for hearing.

SEC. 2. (RCW 35.79.010) The owners of an interest in any real estate abutting upon any street or alley who may desire to vacate the street or alley, or any part thereof, may petition the legislative authority to make vacation, giving a description of the property to be vacated, or the legislative authority may itself initiate by resolution such vacation procedure. The petition or resolution shall be filed with the city or town clerk, and, if the petition is signed by the owners of more than two-thirds of the property abutting upon the part of such street or alley sought to be vacated, legislative authority by resolution shall fix a time when the petition will be heard and determined by such authority or a committee thereof, which time shall not be more than sixty days nor less than twenty days after the date of the passage of such resolution.

RCW 35.79.020 amended.  
Notice of hearing.

SEC. 3. (RCW 35.79.020) Upon the passage of the resolution the city or town clerk shall give twenty days' notice of the pendency of the petition by a written notice posted in three of the most public places in the city or town and a like notice in a conspicuous place on the street or alley sought to be vacated. The said notice shall contain a statement

that a petition has been filed to vacate the street or alley described in the notice, together with a statement of the time and place fixed for the hearing of the petition. In all cases where the proceeding is initiated by resolution of the city or town council or similar legislative authority without a petition having been signed by the owners of more than two-thirds of the property abutting upon the part of the street or alley sought to be vacated, in addition to the notice hereinabove required, there shall be given by mail at least fifteen days before the date fixed for the hearing, a similar notice to the owners or reputed owners of all lots, tracts or parcels of land or other property abutting upon any street or alley or any part thereof sought to be vacated, as shown on the rolls of the county treasurer, directed to the address thereon shown: *Provided*, That if fifty per cent of the abutting property owners file written objection to the proposed vacation with the clerk, prior to the time of hearing, the city shall be prohibited from proceeding with the resolution.

Proviso.

SEC. 4. Section 2, chapter 84, Laws of 1901 as amended by section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1949, and RCW 35.79.030 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 35.79.030 amended.

The hearing on such petition may be held before the legislative authority, or before a committee thereof upon the date fixed by resolution or at the time said hearing may be adjourned to. If the hearing is before such a committee the same shall, following the hearing, report its recommendation on the petition to the legislative authority which may adopt or reject the recommendation. If such hearing be held before such a committee it shall not be necessary to hold a hearing on the petition before such legislative authority. If the legislative authority determines to grant said petition or any part thereof, such city or town shall be authorized and have authority by ordinance to vacate such street, or alley, or any part thereof: *Provided*, That such ordinance

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may provide that the city retain an easement or the right to exercise and grant easements in respect to the vacated land for the construction, repair, and maintenance of public utilities and services.

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Passed the Senate March 11, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1957.

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## CHAPTER 157.

[ H. B. 73. ]

### PLANNING—STATE, URBAN, MUNICIPAL, METROPOLITAN, REGIONAL.

AN ACT relating to conservation and development; providing additional and supplemental powers for state, urban, metropolitan and regional planning; adding three new sections to chapter 173, Laws of 1945 and to chapter 43.21 RCW; and amending section 2, chapter 173, Laws of 1945, section 2, chapter 54, Laws of 1933 extraordinary session, section 3, chapter 134, Laws of 1937 and RCW 43.21.180.

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

New section.

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 173, Laws of 1945 and to chapter 43.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Coordination of governmental planning commissions—Assistance to.

The department of conservation and development, through the division of progress and industry development, in order to facilitate state, municipal, urban, metropolitan and regional planning, and to encourage such areas to maintain a continuing and adequate program for such planning, shall coordinate established city and town, county, metropolitan and regional planning commissions, and shall aid such planning bodies in securing planning assistance, consultative services and technical aid, which may include surveys, land use, demographic and economic studies, comprehensive plans, urban renewal plans and other plans. The department, through