

CHAPTER 90.

[H. B. 297.]

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to local improvements in cities and towns, and amending section 13, chapter 98, Laws of 1911, as amended, to unite in one proceeding disconnected improvements without property owners' petition.

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

Amend-
ments.

SECTION 1. That section 13, chapter 98, Laws of 1911 (section 9365 of Remington's Revised Statutes; section 1001 of Pierce's Code), as amended, be amended to read as follows:

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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.

Territorial
limits of
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 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

Unplatted
property.

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.

Property deemed benefited.

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) feet 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

Method of assessment.

Divisions.

First.

Second.

Third.

Fourth.

Fifth.

from said street margin and the outer limit of said local improvement district as hereinbefore described.

Rate of
assessment.

Ratio of
divisions.

Assessment
roll.

Include
adjacent
streets.

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 improvement 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.

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