

CHAPTER 270.

[H. B. 310.]

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE.

AN ACT relating to cities and towns; authorizing and empowering them to establish and maintain systems of garbage collection and disposal; and prescribing penalties.

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

Cities may provide for garbage collection and disposal.

Require use.

Contract for service.

Fix charges for use.

Unpaid charges lien.

Notice of lien.

Filing.

SECTION 1. Any city or town, through its legislative authority, shall have power by ordinance to provide for the establishment, maintenance and operation of a system of garbage collection and disposal for the entire city or town or for districts or portions thereof; to require all persons within the town or district to use the system and to dispose of their garbage as provided in the ordinance; to award contracts for such collection and disposal or to provide for the collection and disposal of garbage by and under the direction of officials and employees from the city or town; to pay for any such garbage collection and disposal from any available funds; to require property owners or occupants of premises to use the garbage collection and disposal system provided by the city or town and to fix charges against the property owners or occupants of premises for such garbage collection and disposal and to provide that the charges therefor shall be paid by the property owner or occupants of the premises and to provide that upon failure to pay such charges the amount thereof shall become a lien against the property for which the garbage collection service is rendered; and to provide penalties for violations of such ordinance. The lien provided for herein shall be made effective by the filing of a notice thereof specifying the charges, the period covered by the charges and giving a legal description of the premises. The lien shall be filed with the same official and within the

time, and shall be foreclosed within the time and manner prescribed by law for filing and foreclosing liens for labor and material. The lien shall be prior to any and all other liens and encumbrances filed subsequent to the filing of such lien but shall be subject to all general taxes and local improvement assessments whether levied prior or subsequent thereto.

Foreclosure of lien.

Priority.

Passed the House February 27, 1943.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 22, 1943.

CHAPTER 271.

[H. B. 312.]

COUNCIL-MANAGER PLAN FOR MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

AN ACT relating to the organization, classification, incorporation and government of municipal corporations under the council-manager plan.

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

SECTION 1. Any city or town having a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) may be organized as a council-manager city under the provisions of this act by proceeding as hereinafter provided.

Cities under 20,000 may adopt.

SEC. 2. Upon petition of electors equal in number to twenty per cent (20%) of the vote cast for all candidates for Mayor at the last preceding general city election of any such city, or upon resolution of the City Council, the Mayor shall, by proclamation, issued within ten (10) days after the filing of such petitions or resolution with the City Clerk of such city, submit the question of adopting the council-manager plan of city government as herein provided at a special election to be held at a time specified in such proclamation, which shall not be less than

Plan of adoption.

Submit at special election.