

CHAPTER 121.

[S. B. 126.]

SECOND, THIRD CLASS CITIES—TOWNS—BID
REQUIREMENTS.

AN ACT relating to cities and towns; providing for construction of public improvements and works, purchase of supplies, material, equipment and services and for contracts for printing notices in second, third and fourth class municipalities; and amending section 1, chapter 211, Laws of 1951 and RCW 35.23.352.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 211, Laws of 1951 and RCW 35.23.352 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 35.23.352
amended.

Any city or town of the second, third or fourth class may construct any public work or improvement by contract or day labor without calling for bids therefor whenever the estimated cost of such work or improvement, including cost of materials, supplies and equipment will not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Whenever the cost of such public work or improvement, including materials, supplies and equipment, will exceed five thousand dollars, the same shall be done by contract after a call for bids which shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Notice of the call for bids shall be given by posting notice thereof in a public place in the city or town and by publication in the official newspaper once each week for two consecutive weeks before the date fixed for opening the bids. If there is no official newspaper the notice shall be published in a newspaper published or of general circulation in the city or town. The city council or commission of the city or town shall have power by resolution to reject any or all bids and to make further calls for bids in the same manner as the original call, or if in its judgment the improve-

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ment or work, including the purchase of supplies, material and equipment, can be done by the city at less cost than the lowest bid submitted it may do so without making a further call for bids or awarding any contract therefor. If no bid is received on the first call the city council or commission may re-advertise and make a second call, or may enter into a contract without any further call or may purchase the supplies, material or equipment and perform such work or improvement by day labor.

Any purchase of supplies, material, equipment or services, except for public work or improvement, where the cost thereof exceeds two thousand dollars shall be made upon call for bids in the same method and under the same conditions as required herein on a call for bids for public work or improvement.

Bids shall be called annually and at a time and in the manner prescribed by ordinance for the publication in a newspaper published or of general circulation in the city or town of all notices or newspaper publications required by law. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

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