

No. 94.

AN ACT

To amend section two of article one of chapter five of an act, approved the fourteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and twelve), entitled "An act providing a system of government for boroughs, and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating to boroughs."

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That chapter five, article one, section two of an act, approved the fourteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and twelve), entitled "An act providing a system of government for boroughs, and revising, amending, and consolidating the law relating to boroughs," be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding thereto the following clause:

Boroughs.

Section 2, article 1, chapter 5, act of May 14, 1915 (P. L. 312), amended.

XLIV. To make contracts or purchases in connection with proper legal requirements of the borough: Provided, That all contracts or purchases, other than purchases for water, electric light, and other public works of the borough, or for improvement made by its employes, made by any borough involving an expenditure of over five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be in writing, and shall not be made except with and from the lowest responsible bidder, after due public notice by the secretary, published once a week for three weeks, at intervals of seven days, in one newspaper published in such borough, and, if no newspaper is published therein, then by publication in one newspaper of the county, and such bids shall be received, opened, and read in open meeting of council at a time fixed by such notice and not earlier than twenty-one days after the first publication thereof.

Contracts and purchases.

Involving over \$500.

Writing.

Lowest bidder.

Advertising.

Opening of bids.

In case of an emergency, so declared by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of said council, or a majority of council plus one when the number composing such council is less than nine, the notice shall be published at least one week prior to the time fixed therein for opening bids.

Emergency cases.

The acceptance of bids shall only be made by public announcement, at the meeting at which bids are received, or at a subsequent meeting the time and place of which shall be publicly announced when bids are received. If for any reason one or both of the above meetings shall not be held, the same business may be transacted at subsequent meetings, provided that one week's notice thereof shall be published in the newspaper aforesaid.

Acceptance of bids.

Contractor's
bond.

Failure to
furnish.

The successful bidder, when advertising is required herein, shall be required to furnish a bond, with sufficient surety, in the amount of fifty per centum of the amount of the contract, within ten days after the contract has been awarded, and upon failure to furnish such bond within such time the previous award shall be void.

APPROVED—The 14th day of April, A. D. 1921.

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No. 95.

AN ACT

To empower cities of the third class to establish a firemen's pension fund, to take property in trust therefor, and regulating and providing for the regulation of the same.

Cities of the
third class.

Firemen's pension
fund.

Maintenance.

Direction and
control.

Beneficiaries.

Period of service.

Firemen's reserve.

Apportionment.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the several cities of the third class of this Commonwealth, incorporated by general or special laws, shall have power to establish by ordinance a firemen's pension fund, to be maintained by an equal and proportionate monthly charge against each member of the fire department, which shall not exceed annually three per centum of the pay of such member; which fund shall be under the direction of councils or committed to the direction of such officers of the city as may be designated by councils, and applied, under such regulations as councils may by ordinance prescribe, for the benefit of such members of the fire department as shall receive honorable discharge therefrom by reason of age or disability and the families of such as may be injured or killed in the service; but such allowances as shall be made to those who are retired by reason of the disabilities of age shall be in conformity with a uniform scale.

Such ordinance may prescribe a minimum period of continuous service, not less than twenty years, after which members of the department may be retired from active duty, and such members as retired shall be subject to service from time to time as a firemen's reserve until unfitted for such service, when they may be finally discharged by reason of age or disability.

Payments made under the provision of this section shall not be a charge on any other fund in the treasury of the city or under its control, save the firemen's pension fund herein provided for. The basis of the apportionment of the pension shall be determined by the rate of the monthly pay of the member at the date of death, honorable discharge, or retirement, and shall