

CHAPTER 559.

AN ACT to amend 62.15 (1) and to create 62.15 (1a) of the statutes, relating to public construction in cities.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 62.15 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

62.15 (1) All public * * * construction, the estimated cost of which shall exceed \$1,000 shall be let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder; all other public * * * construction shall be let as the council may direct. The council may also by a vote of three-fourths of all the members-elect provide by ordinance that any class of public * * * construction or any part thereof may be done directly by the city without submitting the same for bids.

SECTION 2. 62.15 (1a) of the statutes is created to read:

62.15 (1a) ESCALATOR CLAUSES. Contracts may include escalator clauses providing for additional charges for labor and materials if as a result of general inflation the rates and prices of the same to the contractor increase during performance of the contract. Such escalator provision shall be applicable to all bidders and shall not exceed 15 per cent of the amount of the firm bid nor the amount of the increase paid by the contractor. Each bid on a contract which is to include an escalator provision shall be accompanied by a schedule enumerating the estimated rates and prices of items of labor and materials used in arriving at the bid. Only as to such items as are enumerated shall an increase charge be allowed the contractor.

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