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- Date: February 7, 2014
- File: 121651
- Subject: Obsolete Provisions in Charter Chapter 4
- Provision: Legislative History of s. 4-17, City Charter

Summary:

| Action | File Number | Ordinance Number | Date of Passage |
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| Created | Charter of 1852, Ch. 3, Sec. 9 | | 02/20/1852 |
| Amended | Laws of Wisconsin for 1877, Ch. 297 | | 03/08/1877 |
| Amended | Laws of Wisconsin for 1878, Ch. 136 | | 03/12/1878 |
| Amended | Laws of Wisconsin for 1887, Ch. 498 | | 04/14/1887 |
| Amended | Laws of Wisconsin for 1891, Ch. 66 | | 03/24/1891 |
| Amended | Laws of Wisconsin for 1897, Ch. 98 | | 03/26/1897 |
| Amended | Laws of Wisconsin for 1903, Ch. 50 | | 04/04/1903 |
| Renumbered | Laws of Wisconsin for 1914 | | 1914 |
| Amended | Laws of Wisconsin for 1919, Ch. 539 | | 07/09/1919 |
| Amended | 53697 | 71 | 06/11/1934 |
| Amended | 881394 | | 12/20/1988 |
| Amended | 980849 | | 10/09/1998 |
| Repealed | 121651 | | 04/09/2013 |

Before its repeal, s. 4-17 of the Milwaukee Charter dealt with the invitation and awarding of bids for the printing and publishing of Common Council publications and other City advertising or notices. The provision was created as early as the 1852 Charter of the City of Milwaukee, Chapter 3, Section 9.

This provision was amended on March 8, 1877, by Chapter 297 of the Laws of Wisconsin for 1877, to require the Common Council to authorize contracts for doing the City's advertising, to require bids to be accompanied by a deposit, to outline duties of the City Clerk in considering proposals and authorizing contracts, to require contracts to be authorized annually and to repeal acts inconsistent with these requirements.

This provision was amended on March 12, 1878, by Chapter 136 of the Laws of Wisconsin for 1878, to allow for the return of required deposits to successful bidders.

This provision was amended on April 14, 1887, by Chapter 498 of the Laws of Wisconsin for 1887, to require only bids from daily newspaper to be considered, to require a bond to accompany bids, to explain duties of the City Clerk and to make technical changes in language.

This provision was amended on March 24, 1891, by Chapter 66 of the Laws of Wisconsin for 1891, to specify when proposals to do City printing are to made and what they are to contain, to allow the Common Council to set the price of publication and to reject bids in certain instances, to require certificates of deposit to accompany bids and to specify when and how bids are to be opened.

Section 9b was added to this provision on March 26, 1897, by Chapter 98 of the Laws of Wisconsin for 1897, to authorize first- and second-class cities to suspend or discontinue the publication of their proceedings.

This provision was amended and, in practicality, repealed on April 4, 1903, by chapter 50 of the Laws of Wisconsin for 1903, which authorized first-class cities to invite proposals and enter into contracts for printing of City legal advertising and Common Council proceedings.

This provision was renumbered in the 1914 edition of the Laws of Wisconsin.

This provision was amended on July 9, 1919, by Chapter 539 of the Laws of Wisconsin for 1919, to remove obsolete language and to specify how bids may be awarded.

This provision was amended on June 11, 1934, to make technical changes in language.

The provision was amended on December 20, 1988, to correct reference to City agencies incorporated into the Department of Administration and to correct obsolete language.

This provision was amended on October 9, 1998, to remove the requirement that the City Attorney approve performance bonds posted by publishers of legal advertising and Common Council proceedings and to correct obsolete language.

Section 4-17 was repealed on April 9, 2013, because its provisions were obsolete.