

The supervisor, any of his assistants, any warden or ranger, may refuse, revoke, or postpone the use of permits to burn when such act is clearly necessary for the safety of adjacent property.

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Passed the House March 9, 1965.

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CHAPTER 83.

[Senate Bill No. 211.]

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT CONTRACTS.

AN ACT relating to contracts of public hospital districts; amending section 17, chapter 264, Laws of 1945, and RCW 70.44-.140.

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

SECTION 1. Section 17, chapter 264, Laws of 1945 and RCW 70.44.140 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 70.44.140 amended.

All materials purchased and work ordered, the estimated cost of which is in excess of five thousand dollars, shall be by contract. Before awarding any such contract, the commission shall cause to be published a notice at least thirty days before the letting of said contract, inviting sealed proposals for such work, plans and specifications which must at the time of the publication of such notice be on file at the office of the public hospital district, subject to public inspection: *Provided, however,* That the commission may at the same time, and as part of the same notice, invite tenders for said work or materials upon plans and specifications to be submitted by bidders. Such notice shall state generally the work to be done, and shall call for proposals for doing the same, to be sealed and filed with the commission on

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or before the day and hour named therein. Each bid shall be accompanied by bid proposal security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, postal money order, or surety bond made payable to the order of the commission, for a sum not less than five percent of the amount of the bid, and no bid shall be considered unless accompanied by such bid proposal security. At the time and place named, such bids shall be publicly opened and read, and the commission shall proceed to canvass the bids, and may let such contract to the lowest responsible bidder upon plans and specifications on file, or to the best bidder submitting his own plans and specifications: *Provided, however,* That no contract shall be let in excess of the estimated cost of said materials or work, or if, in the opinion of the commission, all bids are unsatisfactory, they may reject all of them and re-advertise, and in such case all bid proposal security shall be returned to the bidders; but if such contract be let, then and in such case all bid proposal security shall be returned to the bidders, except that of the successful bidder, which shall be retained until a contract shall be entered into for the purchase of such materials for doing such work, and a bond to perform such work furnished, with sureties satisfactory to the commission, in an amount to be fixed by the commission, not less than twenty-five percent of contract price in any case, between the bidder and commission, in accordance with the bid. If such bidder fails to enter into said contract in accordance with said bid and furnish such bond within ten days from the date at which he is notified that he is the successful bidder, the said bid proposal security and the amount thereof shall be forfeited to the public hospital district.

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