

# BILL

No. 4 of 1948.

An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances constituting the  
Charter of the City of Medicine Hat.

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1948.)

**W**HEREAS the City of Medicine Hat prayed for certain amendments to chapter 63 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1906, and amendments thereto:

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition:

Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Chapter 63 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1906, and amendments thereto, is hereby amended as follows:

**1.** Title III, section 3, by repealing the said section and substituting therefore the following section:

“3. The Mayor shall be elected every two years by a general vote of those electors qualified to vote under the provisions of Title IV, section 5, in the manner hereinafter provided, and his term of office shall be two years and he may be re-elected; provided that this section shall not be deemed to affect the term of office of the present Mayor and shall take effect on January 1st, A.D. 1949.”

**2.** Title V, section 25, subsection (3), by repealing the said subsection and substituting therefore the following subsection.

“(3) The poll at such polling booth shall be open between the hours of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 10:30 o'clock in the afternoon on the two days exclusive of Sunday immediately preceding the day fixed for election or voting.”

**3.** Title XXI, section 2, by adding immediately following the words “picture shows” where they occur in the one hundred and forty-sixth (146) line of the said section and immediately before the words “provided that” the following:

“To define the standards of construction, safety maintenance, health and cleanliness of all buildings, erections, houses and other structures or any of them already erected in the City, and to provide penalties for failure to maintain such standards, and to provide for the appointment of a building inspector and to provide for the right to inspect

at all reasonable hours by the building inspector and to provide penalties for the refusal of any person to permit inspection of any building as defined in the by-law; and to provide that after a proper inspection, if the building, as defined in the by-law does not comply with the standards set in the by-law that the building inspector may serve a notice on the owner or occupier of the building as defined in the by-law directing the owner or occupier to comply with the standards within a reasonable time, and to provide that if the order is not complied with then the City may send its employees into the building, as defined in the by-law and in pursuance of the terms of the order make the necessary alterations to the building, as defined in the by-law so that it complies with the standards, and to provide that after such work has been done by the City the building inspector shall give a certificate to the City Assessor stating the cost of labour and materials used and that the City Assessor may then add the cost incurred by the City to the taxes levied against the building, as defined in the by-law, and such costs shall be deemed to be taxes and may be recovered by the City against the owner of the property affected in the same manner as are taxes levied against the land.

“To define the standards of cleanliness of all premises and to provide penalties for the non-compliance with the said standards.”

4. Title XXXI by inserting immediately after section 1, the following section.

“1A. The Council may by by-law provide that a penalty may be imposed and be collected in the same manner as taxes on land on any taxes levied on land which are not paid prior to the 1st of September in any year, provided that such penalty shall not exceed 4 per centum of the tax payable in the year in which the said tax is levied, and 10% on any taxes in arrears for more than one year.

5. Title XXXI, section 6, subsection (e) by repealing the said subsection.

6. Title XXXVII, by adding the following sections:

“16. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, the agreement between the City of Medicine Hat and War-time Housing Limited, signed on December 1, 1947, and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk on behalf of the City, is hereby validated and confirmed and declared to be legal and binding on the City of Medicine Hat and ratepayers and the burgesses thereof.

“17. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, the City of Medicine Hat may by by-law authorize the purchase of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000.00) of four per cent (4%) debentures of the Medicine Hat Rink Company Limited.

“18. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, the City of Medicine Hat may by by-law authorize a lease to the Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede Company of all or part of the north half of section twenty (20), township twelve (12), range five (5), west of the fourth meridian at a rental of one dollar (\$1.00) per annum for a period of twenty-five (25) years.”

**7.** Title XVI, section 1, by adding immediately following the said section, the following proviso:

“Provided that no auditor shall be appointed by the Council who has been the auditor of the City for the five years immediately preceding the appointment.”

**8.** Title XXXVII, by adding the following section:

“19. Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, the City shall be empowered to enter into an agreement with His Majesty the King in the right of the Dominion of Canada represented by Wartime Housing Limited to borrow money at a rate of interest not exceeding three per cent per annum and repayable in such manner and upon such terms as shall be agreed for the purpose of providing local improvements, sewer, water, gas and other improvements to lands upon which the said Wartime Housing Limited shall agree to build low rental dwellings.”

**9.** This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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