

BILL

No. 71 of 1913.

An Act to Amend the Wetaskiwin Charter.

(Assented to 1913.)

WHEREAS a petition has been presented by the City of Wetaskiwin praying for certain amendments to the Wetaskiwin Charter, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition;

And whereas *The Municipal Ordinance* and amendments thereto is in so far as applicable, deemed to be incorporated with and to form part of the said Wetaskiwin Charter;

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

1. *The Municipal Ordinance* being chapter 70 of the Consolidated Ordinances of the North-West Territories is amended as far as the City of Wetaskiwin is concerned in the following particulars, namely:

(a) Section 12 is amended by striking out the words, "has been resident in the municipality in the then current year, prior to the 1st day of July and who" in the first, second and third lines thereof.

(b) Section 95 is amended by adding thereto a new subsection as follows:

"79. For giving the council power to make grants for public purposes; the total amount so expended in any one year not to exceed one-half of one mill on the dollar of the total assessment; provided that no such grant shall be made except on a two-thirds vote of the whole council."

(c) Section 127, subsections 1, 2 and 4, are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"1. Land shall be assessed at its fair actual value. In estimating its value regard shall be had to its situation and the purpose for which it is used and, if sold by the present owner, it could and would probably be used in the next succeeding twelve months.

In case the value of which any specified land has been assessed appears to be more or less than its true value the amount of the assessment shall nevertheless not be varied on appeal unless the difference be gross, if the value at which it is assessed bears a fair and just proportion to the value at which the lands in the immediate vicinity of the land are assessed, but the council may from time to time set apart certain portions of the city to be known as improvement districts and land therein, (not *bona fide*, held in connection with a store, warehouse, or dwelling), shall in addition to any other assessment which might be made against it herein be subject to a super-assessment bearing such proportion to the value at which such land would otherwise be assessed not exceeding fifty per centum of such assessed value, as the council may decide, and such super-assessment shall be added to the assessment of such land and taxes shall be collected thereon accordingly.

"2. The mode of assessing business shall be as follows: The council shall fix a rate per square foot of the floor space (irrespective of partitions, elevators, stairways or other obstructions) of each building or part thereof used for business purposes and shall as far as

they deem practicable classify the various businesses and may fix a different rate for each and in so doing may place a wholesale business in a class distinct from a retail business of otherwise the same class and may classify each building or part thereof according to the class of business carried on therein and may fix a different rate for different classes of business carried on under the same roof and for storehouses and warehouses or other like appurtenant building than that fixed for the principal building and may fix a different rate for different flats of buildings. Such rate shall not exceed \$5.00 per square foot except in the case of banks, loan companies or other financial institutions in which case such rate shall not exceed \$10.00 per square foot; provided that it shall be optional with the council whether it shall adopt the method of assessing business as herein provided for the year 1913 or whether it shall adhere to the former mode of assessing stocks as provided in subsection 4 of section 127 of *The Municipal Ordinance*.

"4. The occupant of any building liable to taxation under the preceding subsection shall be liable for the business tax aforesaid though he may also be the owner of the premises and liable as such owner to taxation on the land."

And the said section 127 is amended by adding thereto a new subsection as follows:

"6. In assessing buildings the assessor shall assess same at 80 per centum of their value in the year 1914; at 65 per centum of their value in the year 1915, and at 50 per centum of their value in the year 1916 and thereafter."

- (d) Section 147 is amended by striking out the words "but any such distraint shall be made on or before the 30th day of December in each year" at the end of said section.
- (e) Section 156 is amended by striking out the words "and also 6 per centum on the whole amount then due" in the sixth and seventh lines thereof, and by substituting therefor the following, namely: "and also a penalty of nine per centum per annum to be computed at the rate of three-quarters of one per cent. per month for each month or portion of a month in arrears."
- (f) Section 160 is repealed.
- (g) Section 226 is amended by striking out the words "being a man, unmarried woman or widow" in the first and second lines thereof; also by adding the words "or she" after the word "he" in the seventh line thereof and also by adding the words "or her" after the word "his" in the eighth line thereof; and also by striking out the words "or whose wife is a freeholder of real property within such municipality" in the eighth and ninth lines thereof.

2. Section 7 of *The Wetaskiwin Charter* being chapter 41, Alberta, 1906, is amended by adding thereto the following subsections, namely:

"For the purposes of this section any bank or other corporation assessed on the last revised assessment roll as the freeholder or lessee of real property which if held or leased by an individual would entitle him to vote shall be entitled to one vote only which may be given by the chief resident officer of such corporation."

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