
By Mr. Lombard of Fitchburg, petition of Hedley Bray (mayor), Gerald P. Lombard and members of the city council that the city of Fitchburg be authorized to appropriate money for the payment of and to pay certain bills. Municipal Finance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FITCHBURG TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE PAYMENT OF AND TO PAY CERTAIN BILLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The city of Fitchburg is hereby authorized to
2 appropriate money for the payment of, and after such appro-
3 priation, the treasurer of said city is hereby authorized to
4 pay, unpaid bills due to the P. J. Keating Company of Lunen-
5 burg, for materials furnished by said company to the city of
6 Fitchburg from April first, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven,
7 until July thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, in the
8 amount of eighteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars
9 and no cents, which bills are now legally unenforceable against
10 said city by reason of said materials not having been purchased
11 pursuant to the provisions of the General Laws, and having
12 been incurred in the absence of available appropriation.

1 SECTION 2. No bills shall be approved by the auditor of
2 said city for payment, or paid by the treasurer thereof under
3 authority of this act, unless and until certificates have been
4 signed and filed with said city auditor, stating under the
5 penalties of perjury that the materials for which bills have
6 been submitted were ordered by an official or an employee of
7 said city, and that such materials were rendered to said city.

1 SECTION 3. Any person who knowingly files a certificate
 2 required by section two, which is false, and who thereby
 3 receives payment for materials which were not rendered to
 4 said city, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more
 5 than one year, or by a fine of not more than three hundred
 6 dollars, or both.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance
 2 by the city council of the city of Fitchburg, in accordance with
 3 the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.