

provements. If a majority of the owners abutting the proposed improvements, and chargeable with the cost thereof, shall, within the time above specified, file with the Mayor and Common Council a petition in writing, signed by said majority of owners, asking that the proposed improvements be made by contract, said improvements shall be made by contract.

Sub-Section 18D. The Mayor and Common Council are hereby authorized to make such sidewalks, curbs, gutters, road-bed and street improvements except in those cases where the majority of the owners abutting the proposed improvement have so requested, as herein provided, that said improvements be made by contract, either by doing the work themselves without letting bids, or by contracting for the same. Where work is done under contract the Mayor and Common Council shall invite proposals for said work by advertisement of two weeks in some newspaper having general circulation in Brentwood, at such reasonable compensation as the Mayor and Common Council shall determine, and the said Mayor and Common Council shall, in all cases, award the contract for such work to the lowest bidders therefor, reserving at all times the right to reject any and all bids received. All contractors for such street improvements shall give bond in such sum as the Mayor and Common Council shall require, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Mayor and Common Council for the faithful performance of their contract. The Mayor and Common Council shall be empowered to employ a competent engineer at such compensation as may be determined by them in carrying out the objects and purposes of this Act.

Sub-Section 18E. No public franchise of any kind shall be leased or alienated except pursuant to a vote of the voters of the town, had after ten days' notice and upon such regulation as the Mayor and Common Council shall prescribe, and the person, persons or corporation seeking a franchise shall defray all cost of holding an election. Any franchise granted under the authority of this Sub-Section shall not exceed in duration twenty years.

This Act shall not become effective unless at a special election to be held in the town of Brentwood on the second Monday in the month of May, 1924, which election shall be conducted in all respects as regular elections in the Town of Brentwood are conducted, there shall be cast a majority of votes in favor of the amendment to the town charter as provided in this Act, and that at said election the question of the