

Resolution No. 3955

Resolution requesting the Mayor and Board of Public Works to enforce the provisions of the charter relating to the minimum wage to be paid on local improvement contracts.

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Whereas, the minimum wage amendment to our charter was adopted by the people to enable the workmen of our city to secure a living for themselves and families, to educate their children and pay taxes and assessments; and

Whereas, certain contractors, some of whom are not even citizens of our country, have been attempting to and have evaded this law in every way possible since its adoption, even going to the extent of forming companies, so-called, composed of irresponsible aliens who have no interest in our city or its institutions and many of whom cannot read, write or speak our language, which companies are often managed by foreign bosses who cheat their ignorant men of their wages and fail to pay material bills; and

Whereas, the practices now obtaining in this respect work an injustice, not only to the workmen of the city, but to all of our citizens, and should be abated at once so that the letter and spirit of our charter will be observed and the benefits of the law inure to all;

Now Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE:

That the Mayor and the Board of Public Works be earnestly requested to immediately take steps and adopt such measures as will effectually put a stop to these practices which are plain evasions of the law and to prevent the letting of contracts to these so-called companies and others who seek, and have sought, to violate the charter in the carrying out of improvement contracts to the end that the labor on these improvements shall be performed by our citizens and taxpayers and not by aliens who have no interests in common with our people and who send much of the wages received out of the city and country to foreign lands.

Passed the City Council the 3rd day of FEBRUARY 1913 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 3rd day of

FEBRUARY 1913.

Robt. B. Heske
President of the City Council.

Filed the 3rd day of FEBRUARY 1913.

A. W. Carroll
City Comptroller and ex-officio City Clerk.