

*City of Lodi, WI
Monday, March 31, 2025*

Chapter 83. Public Works Projects

§ 83-2. Referendum required for certain projects.

- A. Limitation on contracts. Except in the situations described in Subsection **B** of this section, prior to entering into any contract for the construction of any public works project whose estimated costs exceed \$5,000,000, the Common Council shall submit to the electorate a referendum for approval of the public works project. Failure of the referendum shall preclude the City from proceeding with the project. The wording of any referendum shall describe the specific purpose, location and estimated cost of the public works project.
- B. Exceptions. The restriction in this section shall not apply to the following:
- (1) A project that needs to be undertaken due to an emergency, as determined by the Common Council;
 - (2) Any public works project to be undertaken under the project plan of a tax incremental district within the City, pursuant to § 66.1105, Wis. Stats.;
 - (3) Any public works project to be undertaken under the operating plan of a business improvement district within the City, pursuant to § 66.1109, Wis. Stats.; and
 - (4) Any public works project which the City is required to undertake by order or other directive of any regulatory agency.
- C. Planning or design not restricted. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude or limit the City from exercising its role in the planning or design of any such public works project.