

ARTICLE III. WORKING OF PRISONERS ON PUBLIC WORKS

Sec. 24-30. Working of prisoners on public works

(a) For the purpose of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section.

(1) **Labor** means any physical or mental activity or work directed toward the production of services or goods.

(2) **Prisoner** means any person confined in the county jail, industrial farm, road camp or similar restrictive county facility under a final judgment of imprisonment rendered in a criminal action or proceeding or as a condition of probation after suspension of execution of a sentence.

(3) **Public works or ways** means any project or improvement constructed or maintained by the county, including, but not limited to, parks, buildings, paths, roads, streets, expressways, reservoirs, canals and sewers.

(b) **Prisoners compelled to labor.** Any or all prisoners may be compelled to labor upon the public works or ways of the county, subject to the conditions provided in this section.

(c) **Direction of labor.** The board of supervisors, through the sheriff, shall direct the projects, locations and times for performance of the labor provided for by this section.

(d) **Good physical condition.** No prisoner who is physically unable to labor or who is in a state of health where labor would pose a damage to the prisoner's well-being may be compelled to labor. Any question of the exemption from labor of a prisoner shall be determined by the sheriff after consultation with available medical personnel.

(e) **Prisoners under guard.** The labor provided for by this section shall be performed under security and guard regulations as shall be enacted by the sheriff. The regulations shall include provision for the keeping of time books which will show daily the names of the prisoners required to work under this section and the exact hours of their labor.

(Ord. No. 763, §§ 1 to 3, Ord. No. 1462, §1)