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**RULES**

**AND**

**REGULATIONS,**

**OF THE**

**CITY FIRE SOCIETY.**

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## PREAMBLE.

*WE the Subscribers, influenced by a sense of social duty and the natural motive self-preservation, do, for the more effectual assistance of each other, when in distress by Fire, form ourselves into a Society, under the name and title of CITY FIRE SOCIETY; and promise a strict observance of the following*

## RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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### ARTICLE FIRST.

This Society shall not consist of more than twenty four Members, and shall be governed by a President and Standing Committee. The Standing Committee to consist of the President for the time being, and four persons chosen at large from the Society. These Officers shall be chosen at the stated meeting in May by written votes, and no choice shall take place until a majority of the Society be present; and two thirds of all the Members present, shall constitute a choice.

### ARTICLE SECOND.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society and Standing Committee, and strictly to preserve order and decorum. In the absence of the President the oldest Member of the Standing Committee shall preside. The duty of the Standing Com-

mittee shall be to determine upon excuses offered for the avoiding payment of fines; to call special meetings of the Society, when in their opinion it may be necessary; to make report at the stated meeting in May of the affairs and funds of the Society; and to settle the accounts of the Secretary.

### *ARTICLE THIRD.*

There shall be a Secretary chosen at the stated meeting in May, in the like manner as the President and Standing Committee, whose duty shall be to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Society, and keep an account of all the Receipts and Expenditures, which shall be open to the inspection of the Standing Committee; to make and collect all assessments, collect fines and settle accounts; and read the Records of each preceding meeting; and deliver to his successor all the Books, Property, &c. that belong to the Society within ten days—the remuneration of his services shall be left to the Standing Committee.

### *ARTICLE FOURTH.*

The stated meetings of this Society shall be held on the second Monday of each month, at any Member's house, who can make it convenient, in rotation (but never at a Public House) for transacting the necessary business of the Society, or for social conversation; and such Member at whose house this Society is to meet, shall notify the Society at least twenty-four hours previous to said meeting; and we agree never to introduce any refreshment at our meetings more than Spirits and Water,

with such fruits, of our own country produce, as the season may admit. The annual choice of Officers shall take place at the stated meeting in May.

### ***ARTICLE FIFTH.***

Candidates may be admitted as Members by being proposed at a stated meeting, and the Secretary shall notify the Members at the next stated meeting, that such Candidate being proposed, shall be balloted for ; and five sixths of the ballots of the Members present shall constitute a choice ; every Member so admitted, shall be upon the same footing as the original Members.

### ***ARTICLE SIXTH.***

Each Member on his admission shall furnish himself with two Buckets and two Bags, in size and uniform with those adopted by the Society, and with one bed-key and one screw-driver. If he neglect so to furnish himself, within two months from having been admitted, he shall forfeit two dollars, and if not provided with said articles in three month he shall not be considered a Member. Every Member of this Society shall keep his Buckets, Bags, &c. in some conspicuous place, in his Store or Dwelling, which shall never be used except in time of Fire, or he shall forfeit twenty-five cents for each article.

### ***ARTICLE SEVENTH.***

It shall be the duty of Members at the alarm of Fire to repair immediately to it, with their Buckets, Bags, &c. and if the property of any Member be in danger, they shall exert their utmost endeavours, under the direction of the per-

son or persons so exposed, to assist him or them in securing his or their effects. Any Member removing his abode or business, shall make known the same to the Secretary in writing within six days, or be subject to a fine of one dollar. If any Member shall retire from the meeting without leave of the President, he shall pay a fine of 25 cents. Every Member shall constantly keep the Rules and Regulations of this Society with the Members' names, places of abode and business, which he shall bring at every quarterly meeting complete, or be subject to a fine of twenty-five cents; and if he lose or deface the same, or be deficient of any article necessary, he shall apply to the Secretary and be again supplied, by paying therefor. Any Member is at liberty to withdraw his name from this Society, provided he pays all that may be due from him, but shall not be entitled to any part of the Funds. No person except a Member shall be admitted at any meeting.

#### *ARTICLE EIGHTH.*

If any Member lose a Bucket or Bag at a fire, he shall make diligent search therefor, and if he should not recover the article, he shall apply at the next stated meeting; and if the Society think proper the Secretary shall be requested to furnish him forthwith. Also any essential damage which may happen to the Buckets or Bags of a Member at any fire, may be repaired at the Society's expense by application in like manner.

#### *ARTICLE NINTH.*

At every meeting of the Society the roll shall be called at thirty minutes after the time ap-

pointed for the meeting—Every Member absent at the Roll call, shall forfeit twenty-five cents.

### *ARTICLE TENTH.*

Any Member who will not submit to the payment of his fines, or absents himself six meetings successively, without sufficient excuse, shall be deemed as quitting the Society. No religious or political disputes, shall be introduced between the Members of the Society, on the days of our meetings, under penalty of one dollar, to be paid by the person who first introduced the same.

### *ARTICLE ELEVENTH.*

Should any Member be removed by death, we agree to pay his Widow his proportion of the funds of the Society, and the Secretary shall present the same as soon as may be. The Secretary with the advice of the President, shall give notice in some public paper for a meeting of the Society, at such hour and place as he shall think expedient, to attend the funeral of the deceased, and that it be particularly impressed on every member at such notice to give his attendance.

### *ARTICLE TWELFTH.*

A Committee of Six shall be chosen, each quarterly meeting, (in rotation) to go to each Member's house, to inspect his Buckets and see if the Bags, Key and Screw-driver be in the buckets; as also for the purpose of acquainting ourselves with the place of abode and place of business of each Member, for the more ready finding each other in times of distress—Any Member failing to perform said duty shall forfeit fifty cents.

### **ARTICLE THIRTEENTH.**

These articles, as now adopted, shall not be altered or repealed without the concurrence of seven eighths of the Members present, and every amendment shall be proposed one meeting previous to being acted upon.

### **ABSTRACT OF FINES.**

Members neglecting to furnish themselves with Buckets, &c. two months after admission, forfeit	\$ 2 00
Members not having their Buckets, Bags, &c. in some conspicuous place, forfeit for each article,	25
Not reporting, (in case of removal,) within six days,	1 00
Retiring from the place of meeting without leave of the President,	25
Failing to bring the Rules and Regulations of the Society with the Members names and places of abode and business complete,	25
Absent at the Roll Call,	25
Introducing Religious or Political disputes,	1 00
Failing to perform the duty of the Examining Committee,	50

THOMAS GREEN,

*Place of Business.*

*Residence.*

North Battery wharf. No. 9, Sheaf-street.

*Dead*

JOHN EATON,

No. ~~23, Ann-street.~~ No. 7, Sheaf-street.

*86 Ann Street*

C. WADE,

No. 29, Merchants' Row. No. ~~43~~, North-street.

*Dead* *No 3 Fishery Street*

GEORGE S. GODDARD,

No. 25, Ann-street. No. ~~42~~, Middle-street.

*Dead* *Corner Cooper's Pond*

~~HENRY DAVIS~~

~~Brimmer's T. No. 73, Prince-street.~~



ROBERT BACON,

*Place of Business.**Residence.*

No. 65, Ann-street.

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SAMUEL EMMES,

No. 64, Ann-street.

No. 56 Charter-street.

~~FRANCIS HOLMES,~~~~Mart's Ship Yard,~~~~Ship-street.~~*Dead*

SAMUEL ASPINWALL,

Ship-street.

*No. 4 Foster* ~~Street~~ street.

JOHN FENNO, Jun.

Lynn-street.

*No. 25* Lynn-street.~~ERRHAIM MILTON,~~~~No. 15, Ship-street.~~~~No. 15, Ship-street.~~

BENJAMIN ABRAHAMS,

*Place of Bsns.*      *Residence.*  
Sargent's wharf.      No. 19, Fleet-street.

~~GEORGE BEVERE,~~

~~No. 8, Union-street.~~      ~~North-street.~~  
*No. 14 Exchange Street*      *Spring Street Court.*

~~BENJAMIN WEST, Junr.~~

~~No. 5, Lewis's wharf.~~      ~~Foster-street.~~

*Dead*

ISAAC ~~PRINCE~~, PIERCE,

Exchange-wharf.      No. 12, Fleet-street.

*183 Hanover St*

*Dead*

OLIVER REED,

No. 44, Fish-street.      ~~No. 10, Fish-street.~~ *No. 10 Fleet St*

*Dead*

GEORGE HARRIS,

~~No. 96, Fish-street.~~      ~~No. 96, Fish-street.~~

*North Square*      *North Square*

~~EZEKIEL JONES,~~

*Place of Business.*

*Residence.*

No. 10, Ann-street,

~~Cross-street, near Mill~~  
~~Pond-street.~~

*No. 164 Hanover St No. 164 Hanover St.*  
*E. Jones. Died July 14<sup>th</sup> - 1826*

CHARLES LINCOLN, Jun.

No. 47, Cornhill.

No. 36, Middle-street.

*Bend*

~~WILLIAM LINCOLN,~~

~~No. 2, Old State-house. No. 23, Prince-street~~

SAMUEL CURTIS,

No. 66, Market-street. Tremont sreet, corner  
of Pemberton's Hill.

JOHN SIMMONS,

No. ~~36~~ Ann-street.

No. ~~36~~ Ann-street. 48

JOHN B. TREMERE,

Sargent's wharf.

~~Clerk-street.~~

*No. 23. Charter Street*

Village Michaud  
Buis, only / House  
No 72 / distil House Square  
Dead

Joshua Hatch  
No 8 Sweet, on Lafayette Wf — Meet Street

Francis Green Junr  
No 2 Mid: Street. No 38 Mid: Street  
Dead

John Chester,  
Creek Square — Marshall Lane

Genet Holbrook  
No Ann Street / Salem Street  
corner of Prince / Langdon Place  
Lynn St / Dead

Business, *Benj. Dodd*, House  
Hancock Wharf - No. 9 Fleet Street

*Francis Holmes*  
Hart's Shipyard No. Ann Street,  
Dorchester