

ORDINANCES
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CITY OF CHARLESTOWN,



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No. 14.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN.

SECT. 1. A Fire Department is hereby established which shall consist of a Chief Engineer, four Assistant Engineers, and of as many steam engine, hose, and hook and ladder companies as the City Council shall from time to time deem expedient. Each of said companies shall consist of as many men as shall be appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen upon the recommendation of the Board of Engineers; provided that the number of men appointed to each steam engine company shall not exceed twenty, exclusive of the Engineer, Driver and Fireman; to each hose company twenty; and to each hook and ladder company thirty men.

SECT. 2. There shall be chosen by the City Council, by joint ballot in convention, in the month of February, annually, a Chief Engineer and four Assistant Engineers who shall hold their offices for one year from the first Monday of March in each year, and until others are chosen in their places, unless sooner removed in the manner provided in an ordinance concerning removals from office; and whenever a vacancy shall occur by removal from the city, death, or resignation, the same shall thereupon be filled by a new election in the manner prescribed in this section.

SECT. 3. The Engineers so chosen shall meet and organize themselves into a Board of Engineers, a majority of whom shall form a quorum, and of which, in the absence of the Chief Engineer, the senior Engineer present shall be the presiding officer. They shall appoint a Secretary, who shall receive such salary as the City Council, may from time to time determine.

The Board of Engineers shall be held responsible to the City Council, or its standing Committee on Fire Department, for the discipline, good order, and proper conduct of the officers and men constituting the Department, and for the good condition of all houses, reservoirs, hydrants, wells, engines, hose, hose carriages, hooks and ladders, trucks, and all apparatus and furniture thereto belonging and connected with the Department. They shall have the superintendence and, under the direction of the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Department, the control of the engine or other houses used for the Department, of the furniture therein and of the engines and apparatus, as well as any other property properly appertaining to the Department.

They may make such rules and regulations for the better government of the Department; and for the extinguishment of fires, as they may from time to time deem expedient, the same being subject to the approval of the City Council.

SECT. 4. The Chief Engineer shall have the sole and absolute control and command over all the other engineers, all members

of the Department, and over all other persons present at fires. It shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to direct the other engineers to take proper measures to arrange the several engines and other apparatus in the most advantageous manner, and cause the same to be duly worked for the effectual extinguishment of fires.

SECT. 5. In case of the absence of the Chief Engineer, the engineer next in rank, who may be present, shall, during such absence, have and exercise all the power and authority of the Chief Engineer, and shall perform the duties of his office. The officer in command of the Company which first arrives at a fire shall be the officer in command until an engineer is present.

SECT. 6. It shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to keep or cause to be kept fair and exact rolls of the respective companies, specifying the name, age, occupation and residence, and the date of the admission and discharge of each member of the Department, and keep an accurate account of all money that may be received or expended for the Fire Department.

He shall annually, in the month of March, make to the City Council a detailed report of the condition of the Fire Department, and the cost of maintaining the same; also all losses and accidents by fire that may happen within the city, with the causes thereof as well as they may be ascertained; also the number and description of the buildings and other property destroyed or injured, the amount of insurance thereon and the names of the owners; the report to be published in such manner as the City Council may direct.

SECT. 7. It shall be the duty of the Board of Engineers to examine into the condition of the engines and all other fire apparatus, and of the engine and other houses and property belonging to the city and used for the purposes of the Fire Department, as often as circumstances may render it expedient; they shall cause the same to be kept in repair, *provided* that such repairs, as well as all expenditures incurred relating thereto, and all incidental expenses of the Department, shall be subject to the approval of the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Department. The Board

of Engineers shall cause the reservoirs to be kept filled with water, and they shall give immediate notice to the Superintendent of streets of any defect or want of repair therein.

SECT. 8. Each of the companies composing the Department respectively, may adopt such constitution, by-laws, and regulations for their government, subordinate to the Ordinances and orders of the City Council and the orders of the Mayor and Aldermen as may be approved by the Board of Engineers.

Each of said companies shall, in the month of March, in each year, choose a Foreman, an Assistant Foreman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as they may require in accordance with their respective constitutions and in the manner therein provided.

SECT. 9. It shall be the duty of the Foreman of the companies to see that the several engines and apparatus committed to their care, and the several buildings in which the same are deposited, and all things in or belonging to the same are kept clean and in order for immediate use; and they shall cause the snow to be cleared from the sidewalk connected with the houses under their charge. It shall also be their duty to preserve order and discipline at all times in their respective companies, and require and enforce a compliance with the Ordinances and orders, the rules and regulations of the Department, and the orders of the Chief and Assistant Engineers. They shall forthwith report in writing to the Board of Engineers the name of any member or members who shall be guilty of a neglect of duty or a disobedience of orders. They shall keep, or cause to be kept by the Secretary of their respective companies, fair and exact rolls of the companies under their charge, specifying the time of admission and discharge of each member, together with the age, residence and occupation of the same, and a record of all the city's property intrusted to their care, in a book or books provided for that purpose at the expense of the city—which rolls and record books shall at all times be subject to the inspection of the Board of Engineers. They shall also make, or cause to be made to the Chief Engineer, true and accurate returns of

all members, with their ages, residences and occupations, and the condition of the apparatus intrusted to their care whenever called upon so to do.

SECT. 10. It shall be the duty of the officers and members of the several companies, whenever a fire shall break out within the limits of the city, to repair forthwith to their respective apparatus, and convey the same in a speedy and orderly manner to or near the place where the fire may be, and in conformity to the direction of the Chief or Assistant Engineers, to exert themselves in the most orderly manner possible in managing their apparatus, and in performing every duty required of them by the Chief or Assistant Engineers; and upon the permission of the Chief or other Engineer shall, in an orderly and quiet manner, without any outcries, return said apparatus to their respective places of deposit; provided that in the absence of all the engineers such permission may be given by their respective foremen.

SECT. 11. Any officer or member who shall neglect or refuse to perform his duty, or who shall be guilty of any disorderly conduct or disobedience to any officer or engineer, shall be suspended or expelled from the Department by the Board of Engineers; and such action shall be final, unless the same shall be reversed by the City Council within thirty days thereafter.

SECT. 12. In all cases of removal from office or from the Department by the Engineers, the name of the person removed, with a statement of the reasons therefor, shall be entered on the books of the Engineers, and a copy of the same shall be transmitted to the City Council by the Chief Engineer before their next regular meeting.

SECT. 13. No officer or member who may have been dismissed or removed from the Department, shall be re-instated therein except by vote of the Board of Engineers and a approval of the Mayor and Aldermen.

SECT. 14. Immediately on the alarm of fire during the night, it shall be the duty of the Policeman to give notice thereof by crying "Fire," and giving an alarm, (under such regulations as

the Board of Engineers may adopt) from the nearest telegraph box, there remaining, mentioning the street or direction where the fire may be to the several fire companies. And if any Policeman neglects so to do, he shall be reported to the Mayor by the Chief Engineer.

SECT. 15. Any person intentionally raising a false alarm of fire shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

SECT. 16. Whenever it shall be determined at any fire by any three or more of the Engineers, of whom the Chief Engineer shall be one, or, in his absence, the senior Engineer present, to be necessary to pull down or demolish any building in order to prevent the spreading of fire, the same may be done by their joint order. The Board of Engineers are hereby constituted Firewards of the city, under the statute made and provided.

SECT. 17. All persons, not members of the Department, are hereby enjoined and required to obey the orders and directions of any Engineer given at any fire, and to render their services if ordered so to do by any Engineer. Any person who shall violate any provision of this section shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ten dollars.

SECT. 18. No cards, dice, or other articles used for gaming, shall be brought into or be suffered to remain in any building used by any company in the Fire Department, nor shall spirituous liquors be used therein.

SECT. 19. The houses occupied by the several companies shall be for the use of the members of the companies only; the doors shall be closed at all times except for ingress and egress, and the congregating upon the sidewalk in front of the houses is strictly prohibited. And the Foreman of each company is hereby enjoined to enforce the provisions of this section.

SECT. 20. No boys shall be allowed in any house occupied by the Department; neither shall they be allowed to have any access whatever to the apparatus, neither shall they be allowed upon the rope in going to or returning from fires or alarms. The officers of the several companies will be held accountable for any violation of this section.

SECT. 21. There shall be appropriated to the officers and members of the Fire Department, in the manner hereinafter provided, the following sums in each year, viz: To the Chief Engineer, and to each Assistant Engineer, such sum or sums as the City Council may determine; to each steam engine company, exclusive of engineer, fireman and driver, three hundred dollars; to each hose company, four hundred dollars, and to each hook and ladder company, six hundred dollars; *provided* that in case any steam engine company shall consist of less than twenty men exclusive of engineer, fireman and driver; any hose company less than twenty men, and any hook and ladder company less than thirty men, who shall do all the duty required of them by the Regulations and Ordinances, then a sum bearing the same proportion to the number of which such company consists as twenty and thirty bear to the respective sums above mentioned, shall be appropriated instead of the sums first herein named.

The above sums shall be inclusive of all expenses for gas and fuel for the houses, with the exception of the steam fire engine companies, whose fuel and gas shall be furnished by the city. The sums allowed to the several companies shall be paid in equal quarter-yearly payments, and shall be paid to the Treasurer of each company or to his order for the use of the company.

The compensation of the Engineer, Fireman and Driver of any steam fire engine shall be fixed by the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Department after consultation with the Board of Engineers, and subject to the approval of the City Council.

SECT. 22. Once in three months (viz: on the last Monday of February, May, August and November respectively), the Secretary of each company shall make a roll, the blank of which shall be furnished by the Board of Engineers, bearing the full name, age, occupation and residence of every member of said company; specifying also the number of times the company has been called out, and the attendance of the members respectively, to which shall be appended the following certificate, viz:

"We, the undersigned, do hereby certify, that, according to the best of our knowledge and belief, the foregoing persons are

members of [here state the company] and that said company has consisted of members during the last three months ; that during that time they have resided in Charlestown, have performed all the duty incumbent on them as firemen, have been present at every turnout of the company, or duly excused for non-attendance, and are entitled to all the privileges and pay of firemen," which certificate shall be signed by the Foreman and Secretary respectively, and immediately delivered to the Chief Engineer ; and if the Foreman or Secretary, or either of them, shall make, or cause to be made, a fraudulent return, he or they may be expelled from the Department by the Board of Engineers.

SECT. 23. Within ten days after the receipt of these rolls by the Chief Engineer, the Board of Engineers shall meet and examine the same, and if found to be correct, and they are approved by a majority of said Board, they shall be so certified, together with the amount due to each company, by the Chief Engineer, and immediately transferred to the Mayor and Aldermen, who within twenty days thereafter shall examine the same and draw orders for the quarterly payments upon the City Treasurer ; provided, however, if upon examination of the rolls by the Mayor and Aldermen it shall appear to them that the same are erroneous, they shall have authority to withhold the sum certified, or any part thereof, as shall to them appear just and reasonable under this ordinance and to the rules and regulations of the Department.

SECT. 24. The Board of Engineers, with the consent of the Mayor and Aldermen, may grant permission to any company to take their apparatus beyond the limits of the city on an excursion, to be absent such length of time as they may direct.

SECT. 25. No company shall leave the city in case of fire in the neighboring cities or towns except by the order of one of the Engineers.

SECT. 26. No person shall be deemed to be a member of the Department until he shall have been approved or appointed by the Board of Engineers and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

SECT. 27. No person shall be a member of the Department who is under the age of twenty-one years, and who is not at the time a resident of the city and a citizen of the United States.

SECT. 28. Any officer or member of the Department who shall remove from the city shall thereupon be discharged from the Department by the Board of Engineers.

SECT. 29. Every person admitted into the Department shall be and remain a member of the company named in his application until he shall be transferred to another company or discharged; and no member shall be transferred from one company to another except by order of the Board of Engineers.

SECT. 30. Every member of the Department shall wear at all fires such badge as the Board of Engineers shall prescribe; and no person without such badge, shall, except by permission of an Engineer, enter within the lines formed at any fire.

SECT. 31. If any officer or member shall, except in case of sickness, be absent from more than one-third of the fires or alarms of fire occurring during the quarter, such absences, if more than five in number, shall be considered good cause for his discharge from the Department; and an intentional violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance, by any officer or member, shall also be a good cause for his discharge.

SECT. 32. The Telegraph Fire Alarm shall be under the exclusive control of the Board of Engineers, who shall make such regulations in regard to giving alarms of fire as they may deem expedient for the preservation of the public peace and safety.

SECT. 33. The Board of Engineers shall examine into all shops and other places where shavings or other combustible materials may be deposited or collected, and at all times be vigilant in the removal of the same, whenever in the opinion of any three of them the same may be dangerous to the security of the city from fires, and direct the owner, tenant or occupant of said shops or other places to remove the same; and in case of such owner, tenant or occupant's refusal or neglect so to do, to cause the same to be removed at the expense of such owner,

tenant or occupant, who shall, in addition, be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for such neglect or refusal.

It shall also be the duty of said Engineers to take cognizance of all buildings in the city in which any steam engine shall be used, and of all buildings in the city in process of erection or alteration, and to make a record of such thereof as in their judgment may, from any cause, be dangerous, and report the same to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen forthwith; and whenever, in the opinion of any three of the Board of Engineers, any chimney, hearth, oven, stove, stovepipe, fire-frame, or other fixture, or any camphene, or other explosive or inflammable fluid or material, or whatever else may give just cause of alarm, should be altered, repaired, or removed, they the said Engineers shall forthwith notify and direct the owner, tenant or occupant of the premises upon which the same are situated, to alter, repair, or remove the same, as the said Engineers shall direct. And in case such tenant, owner or occupant shall refuse or neglect so to do, the said Engineers shall cause the same to be removed, altered or repaired, at the expense of such owner, tenant or occupant, who shall also be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for such neglect or refusal. And any person who shall obstruct the Engineers or any of them in carrying out the provisions of this section, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars.

SECT. 34. Every person who shall have served according to law in the Fire Department for five successive years, shall be entitled to receive a certificate thereof, signed by the Mayor and Chief Engineer of the Department of the city; and any person who shall receive such certificate shall be considered an honorary member of the Department, and entitled to wear such badge as may be designed by the Board of Engineers.

SECT. 35. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the fifteenth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

No. 31.

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE FIRE
ALARM TELEGRAPH.

SECT. 1. Any person or persons who shall willfully deface, injure or destroy, or in any way interfere with the Fire Alarm Telegraph in this city, or any part thereof, or any of its appurtenances, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a penalty of Twenty Dollars, for the use of the city.

SECT. 2. Any person who shall open any alarm box connected with the Fire Alarm Telegraph, except by the authority of, or with the keys furnished by the Board of Engineers, shall forfeit and pay therefor a penalty of twenty dollars for each offence, for the use of the city.

SECT. 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the fifteenth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

No. 44.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED
"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FIRE DEPARTMENT
IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN."

SECT. 1. The Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance establishing a Fire Department in the City of Charlestown," is hereby amended by striking out the word "three" and substituting therefor the word "four," by striking out the word "four" and substituting therefor the word "five," by striking out the word "six" and substituting therefor the word "seven," in the twenty-first section of said Ordinance, so that there shall be appropriated, to each Steam Engine Company four hundred dollars, to each Hose Company five hundred dollars, and to each Hook and Ladder Company seven hundred dollars.

SECT. 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of March, 1871.

Passed October 2, 1871.

No. 49.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PAID
FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF
CHARLESTOWN.

SECT. 1. The Fire Department shall consist of a Chief Engineer, four Assistant Engineers, and as many Engine-men, Hose-men, and Hook-and-ladder-men, to be divided into companies, as the number of engines and other fire apparatus belonging to the city shall from time to time require.

SECT. 2. There shall be chosen, annually, by joint ballot, in convention of the City Council, during the month of February, a Chief Engineer, and four Assistant Engineers, who shall hold their offices for the term of one year, from the first Monday of March in each year, and until others are elected in their places : *provided, however*, that the Mayor and Aldermen may, with the concurrence of the Common Council, at any time remove from office the Chief Engineer or any Assistant Engineer ; and *provided, further*, that the present Board of Engineers shall continue in office until the first Monday in March, in the year 1873.

SECT. 3. The Chief and Assistant Engineers, on their election, shall receive a warrant, in the words following, to wit : "This certifies that —— is elected Chief Engineer (or Assistant Engineer) of the Fire Department of the City of Charlestown, and is entitled to all the immunities, and invested with all the powers, belonging to said office. Given under my

hand, this —— day of ——, A. D. 18—. ——, Mayor.
Attest: ——, City Clerk."

SECT. 4. The Engineers so chosen shall meet and organize themselves into a Board of Engineers, a majority of whom shall form a quorum, and of which, in the absence of the Chief Engineer, the senior Engineer present shall be presiding officer; and they may appoint such Secretary or other officers, and make such rules and regulations for their own government, as they may see fit. They shall be held responsible for the discipline, good order, and proper conduct of the whole department, both officers and men, and for the care of all houses, engines, horses, hose-carriages, and other furniture and apparatus thereto belonging. They shall have the superintendence and control of all the reservoirs and hydrants belonging to the city. They shall certify all bills, and submit the same, monthly, indorsed by the Secretary of the Board, to the Committee on the Fire Department. They shall have the superintendence and control of all the engine and other houses used for the Fire Department, and of all furniture and apparatus thereto belonging, and of the engines and all other fire apparatus belonging to the city, and over the officers and members of the several companies attached to the Fire Department, and over all persons present at fires; and they may make such rules and regulations for the better government, discipline, and good order of the department, and for the extinguishing of fires, as they may from time to time think expedient, the same not being repugnant to the laws of this commonwealth, or to any ordinance of the city, and subject to the approbation

of the Mayor and Aldermen. The Assistant Engineers shall report their absences from fires with the reasons therefor, to the Chief Engineer, who shall keep a record of the same, and make report thereof, stating all the facts, to the City Council, every year, prior to the election of Engineers. In the absence of the Chief Engineer, the Secretary shall make said record and report.

SECT. 5. It shall be the duty of said Engineers, whenever a fire shall break out in the city, immediately to repair to the place of such fire, wearing the badge of their office ; to take proper measures that the several engines and other apparatus be arranged in the most advantageous situations, and duly worked for the effectual extinguishing of the fire ; to require and compel assistance from all persons, as well members of the Fire Department as others, in extinguishing the fire, removing furniture, goods, or other merchandise from any building on fire, or in danger thereof, and appoint guards to secure the same, and also in pulling down and demolishing any house or building, if occasion require ; and further, to suppress all tumults and disorders. It shall also be their duty to cause order to be preserved in going to, working at, or returning from fires, and at all other times when companies attached to the department are on duty.

SECT. 6. The Chief Engineer shall have the sole command at fires over all the other Engineers, all members of the Fire Department, and all other persons who may be present at fires, and shall direct all proper measures for the extinguishing of fires, protection of property, preservation of order, and observance of the

laws, ordinances, and regulations respecting fires; and it shall be the duty of said Engineer to examine into the condition of the engines and all other fire apparatus, and of the engine and other houses belonging to the city and used for the purposes of the Fire Department, and of the companies attached to the said department, as often as circumstances may render it expedient, or whenever directed so to do by the Mayor and Aldermen, or by the Committee on Fire Department, and annually, in the month of December, to report the same to the Mayor and Aldermen, and oftener if thereunto requested; also, to cause a full description of the same, together with the names of the officers and members of the Fire Department, to be published annually, in such manner as the Mayor and Aldermen shall direct; and whenever the engines or other fire apparatus used by the Fire Department require repairs, the Board of Engineers shall cause the same to be made; *provided*, that such repairs, as well as all expenditures incurred relating thereto, and all incidental expenses of the Department, shall be subject to the approval of the Joint Standing Committee of the Fire Department. And it shall be, moreover, the duty of the Chief Engineer to receive and transmit to the Board of Aldermen all returns of officers, members, and fire apparatus made by the respective companies as hereinafter prescribed, and all other communications relating to the affairs of the Fire Department; to keep fair and exact rolls of the respective companies, specifying the time of admission and discharge, and the age of each member; to report once in each year, or oftener, if directed so to do by

the Mayor and Aldermen, all accidents by fire which may happen within the city, with the causes thereof, as well as can be ascertained, the number and description of the buildings destroyed or injured, and the amount of loss and insurance on the same, together with the names of the owners or occupants.

SECT. 7. In case of the absence of the Chief Engineer, the Engineer next in rank, who may be present, shall execute the duties of his office, with full powers.

SECT. 8. No person under twenty-one years of age, and no person who is not a legal voter in the City of Charlestown, shall be appointed an officer or member of the Fire Department.

SECT. 9. The members of each steam fire-engine, hose, and hook-and-ladder company, shall be appointed annually, on the first Monday of March, by the Board of Engineers, subject to the approval of the Mayor and Aldermen, and shall hold their offices for the term of one year and until others shall be appointed in their places; *provided, however*, that the present Board of Engineers shall have authority to appoint the above-named members of the Fire Department on the first day of October of the present year, subject to the approval of the Mayor and Aldermen; and *provided, further*, that the members thus appointed shall continue in office until the first Monday in March, in the year 1873. Each engine company shall consist of fifteen men, viz: a Foreman, Assistant Foreman, Engineer, Fireman, Driver, and ten hose-men. Each hose company shall consist of a Foreman, Assistant Foreman, Driver, and ten hose-men. Each hook-and-ladder company shall consist of a Foreman, As-

sistant Foreman, Driver, and twenty men. The Foreman and Assistant Foreman shall be chosen by ballot, subject to the approval of the Board of Engineers and of the Mayor and Aldermen ; and any person rejected shall not be returned the second time for approval. The Engineers, Firemen and Drivers shall be constantly employed, and shall at all times be in or about the several houses, except when unavoidably absent, or excused from duty by the Chief Engineer.

SECT. 10. The Foreman of each steam fire-engine company shall at fires direct the locating of the engine, and have charge and direction of the Hose-men.

SECT. 11. The Assistant Foreman of each steam-engine company shall assist the Foreman in the discharge of his duties, and also act as Clerk of said company.

SECT. 12. The Engineer of each steam fire-engine company shall, under the direction of the Board of Engineers, have the sole charge of the engine-house and all the property therein belonging to the city. He shall be held personally responsible for the care and condition of the engine, shall work the same, and have it at all times ready for immediate use. He shall be accountable for the proper performance of all duties required of the Fireman and Driver, and make report to the Chief Engineer of any neglect on their part.

SECT. 13. The Fireman shall be under the immediate direction of the Engineer, and shall perform all the duties which may properly be required of him on the engine and in the house, including cleaning the

house, engine, and other apparatus belonging to the company, and cleaning the snow from the sidewalk.

SECT. 14. The Driver of each steam-engine, hose, and hook-and-ladder carriage, shall drive and have the charge of the horses of the engine, hose, and hook-and-ladder carriage respectively, and have the same at all times ready for immediate use, and the stable kept neat and clean. He shall also assist the Engineer in keeping the house and apparatus clean and in good order.

SECT. 15. Meetings of the several companies, for the choice of officers, shall be held within two weeks after the appointment of the members, notice thereof to be given in such manner as the Mayor and Aldermen shall prescribe: *provided, however*, that if any office shall become vacant, by death, resignation or otherwise, the same may be filled at any regular meeting of the company.

SECT. 16. The votes of a majority of all the members of the company shall be required for the election of any officer.

SECT. 17. The officer presiding at any such meeting shall forthwith notify the persons chosen of their election, and he shall also make a true return of such election to the Chief Engineer, who shall submit the same to the Board of Engineers, and, if approved by a majority of said Board, he shall forthwith transmit the same to the Mayor and Aldermen; but if not approved by such majority, the Chief Engineer shall notify the company of the fact, and another election shall be had. And if any company shall unreasonably neglect or refuse to elect officers, whom the Board

of Engineers and the Mayor and Aldermen shall approve, for the space of two weeks, the same may be appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen.

SECT. 18. If any person chosen by either of said companies to any office therein, shall not be approved by the Mayor and Aldermen, the City Clerk shall give immediate notice thereof to the Clerk or commanding officer of such company, and thereupon another election shall be had, in the manner before provided.

SECT. 19. The Foremen shall keep, or cause to be kept by the Clerks of their respective companies, fair and exact rolls, specifying the time of admission, discharge, and age of each member, and accounts of all city property intrusted to the care of the several members, and of all absences and tardiness among the same, in a book provided for that purpose by the city, which rolls or record-books are always to be subject to the order of the Board of Engineers and the Mayor and Aldermen. They shall also make, or cause to be made, to the Chief Engineer, true and accurate returns of all the members, with their ages, and the apparatus intrusted to their care, whenever called upon so to do.

SECT. 20. It shall be the duty of the officers and members of the several companies, whenever a fire shall break out in the city, to repair forthwith to their respective engines, hose, and hook and-ladder carriages, and, in conformity with the directions of the Chief or other Engineer, exert themselves, in the most orderly manner possible, in extinguishing the fire, and in performing any duty that they may be called

upon to do by any Engineer ; and, upon permission of the Chief or other Engineer, shall in an orderly and quiet manner, without any outcries, return said engines, hose, and hook-and-ladder carriages to their respective places of deposit: *provided*, that, in the absence of all the Engineers, such direction and permission may be given by their respective Foremen.

SECT. 21. Any officer or member may be removed from the Fire Department by a vote of a majority of the Board of Engineers ; and said vote shall be final, unless, in case of officers, the same shall be reversed by the Mayor and Aldermen within fourteen days after it shall have been passed.

SECT. 22. In all cases of removal from office or from the department, by the Engineers, the name of the person removed, with a statement of the reasons therefor, shall be entered on their records, and a copy of the same shall be transmitted to the Board of Aldermen, before their next regular meeting.

SECT. 23. No officer who may have been removed from the Fire Department, shall be reinstated therein, unless by a vote of the majority of the Board of Engineers ; and in such case, said vote shall not take effect until confirmed by the Board of Aldermen ; and no member shall be reinstated, except on nomination by the Mayor, and by a vote of three-fourths of the Board of Aldermen.

SECT. 24. The Foreman of each company, immediately on his arrival at any fire shall report himself to the Engineer in command, and shall remain by his company, and the apparatus of which he has charge, during the fire, preserve order, direct their operations,

and protect them from being interrupted in the discharge of their duty.

SECT. 25. In the absence of the Foreman of any company, the officer next in rank, who is present, shall take the command, and be clothed with all the powers and responsibilities of Foreman.

SECT. 26. The Clerk of each company shall, when requested by the Foreman, notify the members thereof of all meetings of the company, for the choice of officers and for drill. He shall keep fair and true rolls of the members of the company, in such form as the Foreman shall direct, and also records of its proceedings, choice of officers, and of the fire apparatus committed to its care, and perform such other service in his said office as the Foreman may direct.

SECT. 27. Every person, on being appointed a member of any company in the Fire Department, shall be held to perform all the duties required of him by law and the ordinances of the city, as such member, until discharged by death, resignation, or by order of the Mayor and Aldermen, and Board of Engineers. He shall receive a certificate of his appointment, signed by the Mayor, which shall entitle him to all the immunities belonging to the office.

SECT. 28. The members of the respective companies shall not assemble in the house in which the engine or other apparatus intrusted to said company is deposited, on the Sabbath-day, or the evening thereof, or on the evening of any other day of the week, after ten o'clock, except it be in the performance of some duty required of them as members of the Fire Department.

SECT. 29. No company shall be allowed to impose fines upon its members; but it shall be the duty of the Clerk of each company to enter in the roll-book provided by the city, all absences of each officer or member of said company from all fires and alarms of fire, and from the annual, monthly, and such special meetings as may be authorized by the Chief Engineer, and to make a monthly return of the same to the Board of Engineers. And for every such absence, except in case of sickness, there shall be deducted from the pay of such officer or member, the sum of one dollar, and the amount so deducted shall be paid at the end of each quarter to the Treasurer of the company to which the officer or member so fined shall belong, to meet the incidental expenses of the company. And if any officer or member shall have been absent from more than one-third of the fires, or alarms of fire, occurring during the quarter, if the same are more than five in number, except in case of sickness, such absence shall be considered good cause for his discharge from the Department.

SECT. 30. Every member of the Fire Department shall wear, at all fires, such badge as the Engineers shall prescribe; and no person without such badge shall, except by permission of an Engineer, enter within the lines formed at any fire.

SECT. 31. No cards, dice or other articles used for gaming, shall be brought into or suffered to remain in any building used by any company in the Fire Department; nor shall spirituous liquors be used therein.

SECT. 32. No company shall leave the city in case

of fire in a neighboring city or town, except by the consent of the Chief Engineer, or one of the Assistant Engineers; and no company shall leave the city on an excursion, unless by the express sanction and permission of the Mayor and Aldermen.

SECT. 33. The Board of Engineers shall, from time to time, make such rules and regulations as in their judgment shall, as far as possible, prevent refreshments being furnished to any persons except members of the Fire Department; and no bill or charge for intoxicating liquors furnished at fires shall be approved by the Committee on the Fire Department, or paid by the city.

SECT. 34. The Board of Engineers shall severally examine into all places where shavings and other combustible materials may be deposited or collected, and shall cause the same to be removed by the owners or occupants of any such places, and at their expense, whenever in the opinion of said Board, or a committee thereof, the security of the city against fire shall require it.

SECT. 35. The members of the Fire Department shall be paid monthly, at the following rates:—

STEAMER AND HOSE COMPANIES.

Foreman,	\$120	per year.
Assistant Foreman,	110	“ “
Hose-men,	100	“ “
Engineers,	3.50	per diem.
Drivers,	75	per month.
Firemen,	75	“ “

HOOK-AND-LADDER COMPANY.

Foreman,	\$120 per year.
Assistant Foreman,	110 " "
Driver,	75 " month.
Members,	100 " year.

SECT. 36. The Board of Engineers shall have the care and management of the rooms, apparatus, and machinery connected with the Fire Alarm Telegraph, and shall have power to determine the persons to whom shall be intrusted the keys of the signal boxes connected with the same.

SECT. 37. The Board of Engineers shall prepare rules and directions, in accordance with which alarms of fire shall be given by means of the Telegraph; the Board shall have power to change said rules and directions, from time to time; and the same shall be binding upon all persons, after said rules and directions, as prepared or altered, shall be placed on file in the office of the Engineers of the Fire Department, and with the City Clerk.

SECT. 38. Any person or persons who shall willfully deface, injure or destroy, or in any way interfere with the Fire Alarm Telegraph in this city, or any part thereof, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a penalty of Twenty Dollars, for the use of the city. Any person who shall open any alarm box connected with the Fire Alarm Telegraph, except by the authority of, or with the keys furnished by the Board of Engineers, shall forfeit and pay therefor a penalty of twenty dollars for each offence, for the use of the city.

SECT. 39. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

SECT. 40. City Ordinances numbered 14, 31 and 44, are hereby repealed.

Sept. 30, 1872,—Passed to be ordained.