

City of Cambridge.

In the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

An Ordinance,

providing for the appointment and prescribing the duties of City Marshal, and establishing a City Watch.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Aldermen shall forthwith appoint and shall hereafter at the commencement of every municipal year appoint a City Marshal and two Deputy Marshals, one of whom shall be a resident in each Ward of the City. They shall be severally appointed to the office of constable; and, before entering on the duties of their office, shall take, before the Mayor and Aldermen, the oath prescribed by law for constables, and shall each give bond, in the sum of three hundred dollars with surety, to be approved by the Mayor and Aldermen, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

2. The City Marshal shall have precedence and command over the deputy marshals and the other constables of the City, when acting together in the same service, or when thereto directed by the Mayor. In the absence of the City Marshal, the deputy marshals shall have such precedence and command, in the order of their appointment. They shall aid and assist the City Marshal in executing the duties of his office, when requested by him, or directed so to do by the Mayor. But when the City Marshal shall not be present, they shall severally have power to act in his stead.

3. The said Marshals shall from time to time pass through the streets, lanes and alleys of the

city, within their respective wards, and take notice of all nuisances, obstructions and impediments therein, and on the sidewalks thereof, and cause the same ~~to~~ forthwith to be removed and the authors thereof to be prosecuted according to law. They shall observe all defects and want of repair in the highways and streets, and give immediate notice thereof to the Mayor and Aldermen, or the Superintendant of Streets, to the end that the same may be amended. They shall, to the utmost of their power, preserve the public peace, and prevent all riots, disorders, and unlawful practices, within their respective wards. They shall carry in. to execution, within the city, the laws of the Commonwealth and all the ordinances of the city, and be vigilant to detect and bring to punishment all violators thereof. They shall obey and execute all the commands of the Mayor and Aldermen, which in any way relate to the interest or security of the city and the inhabitants thereof. They shall receive all complaints made to them respectively of any violation of the laws, or of any ordinances of the city, and shall, on behalf of the city, cause all offenders against such laws and ordinances to be promptly prosecuted before some Court or Justice of the Peace, as the case may require, within the County of Middlesex, and shall attend, on behalf of the city, at their trials. They shall lay before the Mayor and Aldermen, once in three months, and oftener if required, a statement of all offences against the laws of the Commonwealth and the ordinances of the city, and of all prosecutions instituted by them respectively on behalf of the city, and the result thereof.

4. The said marshals shall, under the authority and control of the Mayor and Aldermen, carry into execution, within their respective wards, all

rules and ordinances, which shall from time to time be made by the city council, relative to the causes of sickness, nuisances, and sources of filth, which may affect injuriously the health or comfort of the inhabitants; and they shall cause all such nuisances, sources of filth, and causes of sickness, to be immediately removed, destroyed or prevented, conformably to such ordinances and the laws of the Commonwealth.

5. The said marshals shall, within their respective wards, execute and carry into effect all ordinances, which shall from time to time be made by the city council, to prevent unlawful and injurious practices in the streets and other public places in the city.

6. The said marshals and the other constables of the city shall, in case of fire within their respective wards, repair to the place where the fire may be, and attend diligently to the preservation of the public peace, and the prevention of thefts and of the loss or destruction of property.

7. The Mayor and Aldermen may from time to time order a suitable watch to be kept in the night; and, for that purpose, may appoint any number of watchmen, not exceeding twenty, which they may deem necessary, and establish all needful rules and regulations for the government thereof.

8. The city Marshal and Deputy Marshals shall be the captains of the Watch, within their respective wards, and shall obey and execute all rules and orders made and given them in charge in that behalf by the Mayor and Aldermen. They shall, when on the watch, pass in and about the streets, lanes and principal inhabited places of the city, to prevent danger by fire, and to see that order is kept, and that all disturbances and disorders are prevented and suppressed; and, for that purpose, they shall have authority to examine all persons whom they shall see walking abroad in the night, after ten o'clock, and whom they

shall have reason to suspect of any unlawful design, and to demand of them their business abroad at such time and whither they are going; to enter any houses of ill fame, for the purpose of suppressing any riot or disturbance therein, and to arrest any persons there found making or abetting in such riot or disturbance. And all persons so walking abroad and suspected of any unlawful design as aforesaid, who shall not give a satisfactory account of their ~~so~~ being abroad and of their business, and all persons so arrested in such houses of ill fame, shall be secured by imprisonment or otherwise, to be safely kept until the next morning, and shall then be taken before a Justice of the Peace, to be examined and proceeded with according to the nature of their offence.

9. The said marshals and all other watchmen, when attending watch, shall carry with them such badge of their office as the Mayor and Aldermen shall prescribe.

10. The Mayor and Aldermen may at any time, by vote, remove from office either of said marshals, and appoint a successor or successors. They may also, in case of the death or resignation of either of the said marshals, appoint another in his place. The said marshals shall receive such compensation as the City Council shall determine. They shall keep a true and accurate account of the service rendered and time spent by them respectively, in discharging the duties of their office, and lay the same before the City Council once in every three months.

In Common Council, June 30. 1846.

Passed to be ordained,
Hiram Johnson, President

In Board of Aldermen, June 30. 1846.

Passed to be ordained.

James D. Green, Mayor.

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Correctly enrolled
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