

City of Cambridge.

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

An Ordinance,

In relation to Burial grounds, and the Interment of the Dead.

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

1. The Mayor, by and with the advice of the Board of Aldermen, may grant permits for laying out lots in the Burial grounds belonging to the City, and give titles thereto, on such terms and conditions as may be deemed by them expedient.

2. The Mayor and Aldermen shall annually appoint one or more persons, to act as Superintendents of the Burial grounds belonging to the City.

3. It shall be the duty of the Superintendents, under the direction of the Mayor and Aldermen, to take the care and Superintendence of such Burial grounds as shall be assigned to them, in their appointment. They may grant permission for the interment of any person, who, at the time of decease, was a resident in the City; but shall in no case grant permission for the interment of any person, who, at the time of decease, was not a resident in the City, until such permission shall be first obtained from the Mayor. They shall be subject to such general or particular directions as they may at any time receive from the Mayor and Aldermen. It shall also be the duty of the Superintendents, on the first Monday of every month, to deliver to the City Clerk a certificate of all interments authorized by them

respectively, during the preceding month, stating the death, the name and surname of the deceased, the sex, condition, (whether single or married,) age, occupation, place of death, place of birth, names of the parents, and the disease or cause of death.

4. In case of absence, sickness, or temporary disability, of any Superintendent, his duties shall be performed by such other person as the Mayor may appoint.

5. The Superintendents shall receive such compensation for their services as the City Council shall determine.

6. The Mayor and Aldermen shall also annually appoint one or more persons, to act as Undertakers; and no person, except an Undertaker thus appointed, or one appointed by the same authority in his place, shall bury or remove the body of any deceased person, or undertake the management of any funeral. Provided that this prohibition shall not apply to the burial of inmates of the Almshouse, which shall be under the control of the Keeper thereof, who shall make returns as provided in the third section of this Ordinance.

7. It shall be the duty of the Undertakers, respectively, as soon as informed of the decease of any person within the limits of their district, to take the personal charge and oversight of all necessary arrangements for the removal and burial of the body of the deceased, and for the funeral procession; subject to such general or particular directions as they may at any time receive from the Mayor and Aldermen.

8. One or more funeral cars shall be provided

by the city, and placed under the charge of the Superintendents of Burial grounds, to be kept in such place or places, and under such regulations, as the Mayor and Aldermen may prescribe; which cars or hearses shall be used for all interments made in any of the Burial grounds belonging to the city, whenever any vehicle shall be necessary for the removal of the body. The horse to transport said car or hearse shall be furnished by and at the expense of the Undertaker.

9. As a compensation for services to be performed by the Undertaker and such assistants as he may employ in digging and filling the grave, attendance at the house, and going from the house to the grave or tomb, and for the use of the horse he may employ, he shall receive a sum not exceeding four dollars for the burial of each person twelve years old and upwards, and a sum not exceeding two dollars and fifty cents for every child less than twelve years old, to be paid by the person employing him.

10. Whenever any person shall decease within the limits of the city, it shall be the duty of the nearest relative, or of the person in whose house the death may have occurred, or any other person who may have first become informed of the event, to cause the same to be made known to an Undertaker as soon as practicable.

11. No person shall bury the body of any deceased person in any of the Burial grounds belonging to the city, or remove the body of any deceased person from such Burial ground, without first obtaining permission from the Superintendent of such Burial ground.

12. All funerals shall take place between sunrise and sunset, unless otherwise permitted or directed by the Mayor; and the top of every coffin deposited in the ground shall be at least three feet below the usual surface thereof.

13. Any person, who shall be guilty of a violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance, or any of the regulations which may be prescribed by the Mayor and Aldermen in conformity thereto, shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than two dollars, nor more than twenty dollars.

14. All ordinances and parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

15. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

In Common Council, Sept. 11. 1849.
Passed to be ordained.

Sam. P. Heywood President.

In Board of Aldermen, Sept. 11. 1849.
Passed to be ordained.

Sidney Willard, Mayor.

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Wm P. Hyman

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Enrolled Bills
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In Board of Aldermen
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C. R. Metcalf

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Ordinances.

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Approved by the Board of Aldermen Sept. 11 1849