City of Cambridge

In the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty six

An Ordinance

An Addition to "An Ordinance establishing a fire department and providing for preventing and extinguishing fires"

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

Sect 1 Each engine company, appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen, shall consist of forty men, and shall have a foreman, first and second assistant foreman, clerk and steward; and these officers 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

Sect 2 Each Hook and Ladder company appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen shall consist of twenty five men, and shall have a foreman

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first and second foreman, clerk and steward, and these Officers 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 ~~a~~ approval

Sect 3. The ninth and tenth sections of an Ordinance relating to the fire department passed on the twenty sixth day of December eighteen hundred and fifty four, ~~is~~ be and the same are hereby repealed

In Board of Aldermen Oct. 16. 1856

Passed to be enrolled. Sent down for concurrence

Henry Thuyer City Clk

In Common Council Oct. 23. 1856.

Passed to be enrolled. Attest. Jas. M. Shales. Clk.

In Board of Aldermen
Oct 4. 1856.
passed to 2d Reading

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In C. C. Oct. 16. 1856.

Read once. J. M. C. Clk

Correctly drawn
Wm. G. Covey
for committee

Enrolled

Cambridge Jan 16th 1856

To the
Hon. City Council of the City of Cambridge.
Gentlemen

At a meeting of the Officers held on Tuesday evening last, It was voted that the following Amendments, to the Fire Ordinance be submitted to you for your consideration —

The Sections with the Amendments are as follows — Section 8th. (No person under the age of twenty years shall be employed as a member of the Fire Department unless by a Special vote of the Board of Engineers — nor shall any person be so employed who is not a citizen of the United States —

Section 9th

To substitute, Forty men, instead of Thirty-five, as the section now reads —

Section 11th

The Mayor and Aldermen shall appoint the several Engine and Hook and Ladder companies, whose term of service shall continue (during good behavour) — And every officer or member who shall not serve six months, (except in cases of sickness, death, or removal from the city) or who shall be removed for cause, — (shall forfeit (all but) three months (of the) pay) that would otherwise have been due to him, at the time when such service ceased, or such removal took place —

Section 12th —

Meetings of the several Engine and Hook and Ladder Companies —

for the choice of officers, shall be held ~~within two weeks~~ during the month of January 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 —

Section 19th

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, to be final unless the same shall be reversed by the Mayor and Aldermen within fourteen days after it shall have been passed —

Section 21st

No officer, who may have been dismissed or removed from the Fire Department, shall be reinstated therein, unless by a vote of a majority of the Board of Engineers — and in such case, said vote shall not take effect until confirmed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and no member shall be reinstated except by a vote of a majority of the Mayor and Aldermen

Section 26th

It shall be the duty of the Steward to keep clean the house, engine, hose, or other apparatus, which may belong to the company, to clear the snow in winter from the side-walk connected with the house and generally to see that the engine and apparatus are ready for im-

mediate use and perform such other services in his said office as the Foreman may direct.

Section 29th

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 and member of said company, and make a quarterly report of the same to the Board of Engineers - And for every absence from a fire or alarm, except in case of sickness there shall be deducted from the pay of such officer or member the sum of fifty cents. It may be left optional, with any company to impose, upon its members a fine of twenty-five cents for non-attendence to regular or special meetings, and said fine if imposed to be deducted from the pay of the member. All fines deducted (wither imposed by the City or company) shall be paid over at the end of each quarter to the Treasurer of the company to which the member so fined shall belong, to meet the incidental expenses of the company. And if any officer or member shall have been absent more than one third of the fires, or alarms of fires, except in case of sickness, during the quarter, such absence shall be considered good cause, for his discharge, from the Department if more than five -

Section, 30th

Every member of the Fire Department shall were, at all fires such badge as the Engineers shall prescribe - and for a neglect of wearing the same while on duty shall pay a fine

of twenty-five cents — And no person without such badge shall, except by permission of an Engineer, enter within the lines formed at any such fire —

Section 33d

No company shall leave the city in case of fire in the neighboring towns, excepting by the consent of the Chief Engineer or one of the Assistant Engineers, and no company shall leave the city on an excursion (with their apparatus) unless by the express sanction and permission of the Mayor and Aldermen —

To be substituted in the order in relation to refreshing out of town companies — In refreshing a company of 35 or 40 men the sum of ten dollars is asked in place of six dollars as the order now reads —

Most respectfully submitted on behalf of the Officers

Albert R. Goodnow — Secretary

Capt. L. L. Daniels
Capt W. M. Frye
Capt C. Stout
Capt. Stutevant
Capt E. Mulliken
Capt W. E. Simpson
A. R. Goodnow

Committee

In Common Council, Jany. 17. 1856.
Referred to a joint Special Committee, & Messrs. Bullock, Saunders, & Stevens, were appointed on the part of this Board. Attest, James M. Beale. Clerk.

Sent up for Concurrence

In Board of Aldermen, Jan. 19. 1856. Concurred and Messrs Whitney & Davies are joined.
Henry Thayer City Clerk

City of Cambridge

In Common Council Jan. 31, 56

The Joint Special Committee, to whom was referred the subject of sundry amendments to the Fire Ordinance, as asked for by L L Daniels and other Officers of the Fire Department

respectfully report,

that they have taken the subject into consideration, and recommend the following amendments to the Fire Ordinance, the sections amended to read as follows;

No 1

Sec, 11. The Mayor and Aldermen shall, in the month of January in each year, appoint the several Engine and Hook and Ladder Companies, whose term of service shall continue one year.

And every officer or member who shall not serve three months, or who shall be removed for cause, (except in cases of sickness, death, or removal from the city,) shall forfeit all compensation that would otherwise have been due to him, at the time when such service ceased, or such removal took place.

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Sec. 19. Any officer or member may be removed from the Fire Department by a vote of the Chief Engineer and two Asistant Engineers; and said vote shall be final unless the same shall be reversed by the the Mayor and Aldermen within fourteen days after it shall have been passed.

No. 3

Sec. 21. No officer, who may have been dis-
-missed or removed from the Fire Depart-
-ment, shall be reinstated therein, unless by a vote of the Chief Engineer and two of the Asistant Engineers; and in such case, said vote shall not take effect until confirmed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen; and no member shall be reinstated except by a vote of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Sec. 26. It shall be the duty of the Steward to keep clean the house, the engine, hose, or other apparatus, which may belong to the company, to clear the snow and ice in winter from the sidewalk connected with the house, and generally to see that the engine and apparatus are ready for immediate use, and perform such other service in his said office as the Foreman may direct.

Sec. 28. No company shall be allowed to impose fines upon its members, "except for monthly meetings"; 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 and member of said company; and to make a ~~quarterly~~ monthly return of the same to the Board of Engineers.

And for every absence, from a fire or alarm of fire except in case of sickness, there shall be deducted from the pay of such officer or member the sum of fifty cents, which amount so deducted shall be paid

over at the end of each ~~quarter~~ six months to the Treasurer of the company to which the member so fined shall belong, to meet the incidental expenses of the company. And if any officer or member shall have been absent more than one third of the fires, or alarms of fires except in case of sickness, during the ~~quarter~~ preceding six months, such absences shall be considered good cause for his discharge from the Department, if more than five.

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Sec. 33. No company shall leave the City in case of fire in the neighboring towns, excepting by the consent of the Chief Engineer, or one of the Asistant Engineers; and no company shall leave the City on an excursion with their apparatus, unless by the express sanction and permission of the Mayor and Aldermen.

In the, compensation of Fire Department, page 11. amend to read as follows,

No allowance to be made for refreshments, except in cases of assistance rendered by Fire Companies from adjoining cities or towns, and then not to exceed ten dollars for each Company refreshed, and then only by an order of the Chief Engineer or his Assistants; all the items to be particularly specified in each bill for re-freshments so furnished.

all of which is respectfully submitted

Edward S Whitney
W W Bullock
} For the Committee

Report. Fire Ordinance.

Jan. 31, 1856.

In Common Council.

January 31. 1856.

Laid on the table and

Ordered to be printed.

Attest. James M. Linares

Clerk.

(afterwards)

Referred to the Com-

mittee on Ordinances

to prepare an ordinance

corresponding herewith.

Attest. James M. Linares

Clerk.

In Board of Aldermen Jan 31, 1856

Concurred

Danl. Magone Clerk

City of Cambridge

In the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six

An ordinance in addition to an ordinance establishing a Fire Department and providing for preventing and extinguishing fires -

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

Sec. 1 - The Mayor and Aldermen shall, in the month of January in each year, appoint the several Engine and Hook and Ladder Companies, whose term of service shall continue one year. And every officer or member who shall not serve three months, except in case of ~~death~~ sickness, death, or removal from the City, or who shall be, at any time removed for cause, shall forfeit any and all compensation that would otherwise have been due to him, at the time when such service ceased, or such removal took place. Provided however that nothing

in this section contained, shall prevent the payment to the treasurer of the Company to which said Officer or member belonged of the sum due such treasurer according to the fifth section of this Ordinance

Sec. 2 - Any officer or member may be removed from the Fire Department by a vote of the Chief Engineer and two Assistant Engineers; and said vote shall be final unless the same shall be reversed by the Mayor and Aldermen within fourteen days -

Sec 3 No Officer once dismissed or removed from the Fire Department, shall be reinstated therein, unless by a vote of the Chief Engineer and two of the Assistant Engineers; and, in such case said vote shall not take effect until confirmed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen; and no member shall be reinstated except by a vote of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Sec 4 It shall be the duty of the Steward to keep the house, the engine, hose, or other apparatus, which may belong to the company, clean and in good order, to clean the snow and ice, in winter, from the sidewalk in front of the house, ~~and generally~~ to see

that the engine and apparatus are ready for immediate use and to perform such other service appertaining to his office as the Foreman may from time to time direct.

Sec 5th 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 and member of said company from monthly meetings, fires and alarms of fire; 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 fifty cents, which amount so deducted shall be paid over 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, 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

Sec. 6. No company shall leave the city in case of fire in the neighboring towns, except by the consent of the Chief Engineer, or of one of the Assistant Engineers; And no company shall leave the city on an excursion, with their apparatus unless by the express sanction and permission of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Sec 7. Sections Eleven, nineteen, twenty one, twenty-six and twenty eight and thirty three of an act passed Dec 26, 1854 entitled an ordinance, establishing a fire department and providing for preventing and extinguishing fires. are hereby repealed.

In Common Council ~~[illegible]~~ February 7. 1856

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed

Attest. James M. Chase
Clerk.

Feb 21 Read once

City of Cambridge

In Common Council, February 7, 1856

The Joint Standing Committee on Ordinances to whom was referred the report of the Joint Special Committee recommending sundry amendments to an ordinance establishing a fire department with directions to prepare an ordinance - respectfully report the following ordinance -

Isaac Davis
For the Committee

Fire Ordinance

City of Cambridge.

In the year One Thousand Eight Hundred & Fifty-Six.

An Ordinance,

In addition to "An Ordinance establishing a Fire Department, and providing for preventing and extinguishing Fires."

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

Sect. 1. The Mayor and Aldermen shall, in the month of January in each year, appoint the several Engine and Hook and Ladder Companies, whose term of service shall continue one year. And every officer or member who shall not serve three months, except in case of sickness, death, or removal from the City, or who shall be at any time removed for cause, shall forfeit any and all compensation that would otherwise have been due to him at the time when such service ceased, or such removal took place. Provided,

however, that nothing in this section contained shall prevent the payment to the treasurer of the Company to which said officer or member belonged, of the sum due such treasurer, according to the fifth section of this Ordinance.

Sect. 2. Any officer or member may be removed from the Fire Department by a vote of the Chief Engineer and two Assistant Engineers; and ~~such~~ said vote shall be final unless the same shall be reversed by the Mayor and Aldermen within fourteen days.

Sect. 3. No officer once dismissed or removed from the Fire Department shall be reinstated therein, unless by a vote of the Chief Engineer and two of the Assistant Engineers; and in such case said vote shall not take effect until confirmed by ~~the~~ Board of Mayor and Aldermen; and no member shall be reinstated except by a vote of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Sect. 4. It shall be the duty of the Steward

to keep the house, the engine, hose, or other apparatus, which may belong to the Company, clean and in good order; to clear the snow and ice in winter from the sidewalk in front of the house, to see that the Engine and apparatus are ready for immediate use, and to perform such other service appertaining to his office, as the Foreman may from time to time direct.

Sect. 5. 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 and member of said Company from all fires and alarms of fire, and from the annual, 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 from a fire or an alarm of fire, except in case of sickness, there shall be deducted from the pay of such officer or member the sum of fifty cents; and for every absence from the annual or any special meeting, except in case of sickness, the sum of twenty five cents;

and the amount so deducted shall be paid at the end of each quarter by 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, except in case of sickness, be absent from more than one third of the fires and 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.

Sect. 6. No Company shall leave the city in case of fire in the neighboring cities or towns, except by the consent of the Chief Engineer, or of one of the Assistant Engineers. And no Company shall leave the city on an excursion with their apparatus, unless by the express sanction and permission of the Mayor and Aldermen. And in case of temporary absence from the city of any officer or member, or inability to perform his duties, he shall provide a substitute, whose name he shall

return to the Foreman of the Company for approval, failing in which he shall be liable to all fines which may accrue during such absence or inability.

Sect 7. Every person who shall have served according to law in the Fire Department for seven successive years, shall be entitled to receive a Certificate thereof signed by the Mayor, and all persons who shall receive said Certificate shall be entitled during good behavior, to wear the badge of the Department, and may enter the lines at any fire by wearing said badge, or such other badge as the Mayor and Aldermen may prescribe.

Sect 8. Sections Eleven, nineteen, twenty one, twenty six, twenty eight, and thirty three, of an Act passed December 26. 1854, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Fire Department, and providing for Preventing and Extinguishing Fires, are hereby repealed.

In Common Council. Feby. 26. 1856.

Passed to be ordered. Attest, James M. Chase. Clerk.

Ordinance
Fire Department.

Laid on Table,

H. Thayer

Mar. 18. 1856
Mr Davis moves an amendment
Pending the question, Laid
~~Davis~~ on the table,
H. Thayer City Clerk
In Bd of Aldermen Mar 25. 1856
Indefinitely Postponed,
Henry Thayer C. Clk
amended previously by striking out
the first section and inserting the
accompanying. (see paper "A")

Feb 26th 1856
The within Ordinance
is correctly drawn
Jas. G. Hovey
for the committee

City of Cambridge.

In Common Council, July 7 1856

Ordered, That no allowance be made to Engine Companies for refreshments, except in cases of assistance rendered by Fire Companies from the ~~adjacent~~ neighboring cities or towns and then not to exceed ten dollars for each company refreshed, and then only by an order of the Chief Engineer or his Assistants; all the items to be particularly specified in each bill for refreshments so furnished.

Ordered, That so much of an Order establishing the compensation of the Fire Department passed December 28, 1854 as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed

Attest. James M. Chase Clerk

Mr Davis moves to strike out the first section and insert the following. Mr Thayer City Clerk

"A"

Sect 1 The Mayor and Aldermen shall in the months of January in each year, appoint the several Engine and Hook and Ladder Com— —panies, and may fill all vacancies which may occur, as soon as may be after knowledge of the existance of such vacancy. The term of service for the members of the Fire Department shall Commence on the first day of the months and shall continue for the period of one year; and every officer or member who shall not serve six months, except in cases of sickness, death or removal from the City, or who shall be at any time removed for cause, shall forfeit any and all compensation that would otherwise have been due to him, at the time when such service ceased, or such removal took place

Fire Ordinance with 6
Papers.
Ind'g Postponed.
Mar 25, 1856