

City of Cambridge,

in the year one thousand eight
hundred and fifty six.

An Ordinance
establishing a work house in the
City of Cambridge.

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

Section 1. From and after
the passage of this Ordinance, there
shall be established in the City of
Cambridge a workhouse for the
employment and support of
the following description of persons,
that is to say, all poor and indigent
persons that are maintained by
or receive alms from the City: all persons
who being able of body to work and
not having estate or means otherwise
to maintain themselves, refuse or
neglect to work, all persons who
live a dissolute, vagrant life and
exercise no ordinary calling or
lawful business, and all such
persons as spend their time and
property in public houses to the
neglect of their proper business, or by
otherwise mispending what they
earn to the impoverishment of
themselves, are likely to become

chargeable to the City or to the
Commonwealth.

Section 2. The present
Alms-house is hereby constituted the
workhouse of the City, as set forth
in the first section of this Ordinance,
and the Overseers of the Poor shall
be the Directors of said Workhouse.

In Common Council September 18th 1854

Passed to be ordained

George S. Saunders

President.

In Board of Aldermen Sept 24th 1854

Passed to be ordained

John Sargent Mayor.

Ordinance
establishing a Work House

1856

In Common Council
September 18th 1856

Correctly enrolled
M. C. Henry
for the Committee

passed to be advanced

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Section, 2. The present Almshouse
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section of this Ordinance, and the
Officers of the Poor shall be the
directors of said workhouse.

In Board of Aldermen Aug 20, 1856

Passed to be enrolled.

Henry Thayer City Clerk.

In Common Council Sept 3^d 1856

Passed to be Enrolled.

W. G. Rice
Clerk of Council.

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establishing a Workhouse.

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In Bd of Aldermen
Aug 13, 1855

Passed to Second
Reading, H. Thayer, City Clerk.

2^d R. Aug. 24

In Common Council Aug. 28, 1856.

Read once. Attest. J. M. [unclear] Clerk.

In Common Council.
1856.

Correctly drawn
J. P. G. Hoovey
for the Committee.