

City of Cambridge,  
in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

An Ordinance,  
establishing a Workhouse in the City of Cambridge.

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

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 and their families, are likely to become chargeable to the City or to the Commonwealth.

2. The present Alms House is hereby constituted the Workhouse of the City, as set forth in the first section of this Ordinance.

3. The Overseers of the Poor shall be the Directors of said Workhouse, unless the  
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city council, at their annual meeting, shall  
elect a Board of Directors.

In common council, Aug. 10. 1847.

Passed to be ordained.

John Sargent President.

In Board of Aldermen, Aug. 10. 1847.

Passed to be ordained.

James D. Green, Mayor.

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Correctly enrolled  
Messrs L. Waiter & Co  
of Committee on  
enrolled bills