

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:

Sect. 1 The Mayor, by and with the advice
of the Board of Aldermen, may grant permits
for ~~(building tombs and)~~ 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

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

Sect. 3. It shall be the duty of the Superin-
tendants 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 ~~their~~ ^{his} decease was a Resident of
the City, but shall in no case grant permission
(~~for building tombs, or~~) for the interment of any
person who at the time of ~~his~~ ^{his} decease was not

a Resident of the City, until such permission shall be first obtained from the Mayor; ^{they} (and) 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 their duty, within one day after the burial or removal from the Burial Ground, under their charge, of the body of any deceased person, to deliver to the City Clerk, a certificate, 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 disease or cause of death.

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

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

Sec. 6. The Mayor and Aldermen shall ^{annually} also appoint one or more persons to act as auditors; and no person, except an

Section 3. paragraph 2^d as follows -

"a".
It shall ~~be~~ also be the duty of the
superintendents on the first Monday of
every month to deliver to the City Clerk
a certificate of all ^{authorized, by them respectively} interments during
the preceding month stating the death &c -

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 arrangement 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 Super thereof, who shall make Returns ~~thereof~~ as provided, in ^{the} ~~the~~ Section 3^d of this ordinance.

Sec. 7. Do shall be the duty of the ^{respective} undertakers, as soon as informed of the ^{respective} death of any person within the limits of the city to be interred in, 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.

Sec. 8. One or more funeral cars shall be provided by the city, and placed under the charge of the Superintendants 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.

Sect. 9 as a compensation for services to be performed by the undertaker and such assistants as he may employ in digging out, & firing 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~~ ^{one} half dollars for every child less than twelve years old; to be paid by the person employing him.

Sect. 10 Whenever any person shall die within the limits of the city, it shall be the duty of the nearest Relation, or of the person in whose house ^{death may have occurred} the person may have died, or any other person who may have first become informed of the event, to cause the same to be made known to the ^{an} undertaker as soon as practicable.

Sect. 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.

Sec. 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.

Sec 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 ~~of~~ ^{not less than} two ^{dollars} nor more than twenty dollars.

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

Sec. 15. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

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In Common Council
August 28. 1849
Concurred in amendments
& as amended passed
to be enrolled
E. M. Dunbar (Clerk)

In Common Council
Sept 11. 1849. Passed to be
ordained & set up for concurrence
E. M. Dunbar (Clerk)

Ordained

August 14. 1849

Com. by ~~drawn~~

Andon Hooker, Com. in 2 Reading

Aug 14/49

Passed to be enrolled

& set up for concurrence

E. M. Dunbar (Clerk)

Word of ord. 14 Aug. 1849. Ref'd to Committee
on ordinances. L. R. Paige City Clerk.

Aug. 28. 1849. Amended by erasing
the words enclosed at "a", and in-
serting the words on the paper
marked "a" ^{passed to be enrolled, and} sent down for con-
currence. L. R. Paige, City Clerk