

City of Cambridge

A.D. One thousand eight hundred & forty six.

An Ordinance

establishing the office of Superintendent of streets, and prescribing his duties.

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

1. There shall be chosen at the commencement of each municipal year by a concurrent vote of the City Council, to be first acted upon by the Mayor & Aldermen, an able and discreet person to be styled the Superintendent of Streets, who shall hold his office at the pleasure of the City Council, and shall receive such compensation as said Council shall determine. Whenever said office shall become vacant by death, resignation or otherwise, a successor shall be appointed in the manner herein prescribed.

2. The Superintendent of streets, shall, under the direction and control of the Mayor and Aldermen, have the general care and charge of the highways, streets, lanes, sidewalks and bridges of the city, ^{and shall} attend to the making, emending, and alteration thereof, and cause the same to be kept in good repair, so as to be safe and convenient for travellers with their horses, teams & carriages, at all seasons of the year.

He shall superintend the building and repairing of the drains and common sewers of the city. He shall see that the highways and streets are kept in good order, and that all nuisances and obstructions therein are forthwith removed; or give notice thereof to the Mayor or one of the marshals of the city, under the direction of the Mayor. He may, under the direction of the Mayor, ~~make~~ make all necessary contracts, ~~and purchase~~ ~~the necessary materials~~ for the supply of any labor or materials he may require in the discharge of his duty official.

3. Whenever any highway, bridge, or street of the city, shall, from want of necessary repair, or by reason of any alteration or repair thereof being made, or of any drain, common sewer, or culvert being open or constructed across or through the same, or for any other cause, be unsafe, or inconvenient for travellers or passengers, the Superintendent of streets shall forthwith put up a suitable fence across such highway, street, or bridge, and exclude all travellers passing over the same; or cause the parts thereof, so rendered unsafe and inconvenient as aforesaid, to be enclosed by a sufficient fence, which shall be kept standing so long as the same shall remain unsafe and inconvenient; and he shall also fix one or more lighted lanterns to said fence, or in some other proper manner, to be there kept

from every ~~weight~~ from twilight in the evening and through the whole night, so long as said fence shall be kept standing.

4. The Superintendent of streets shall have the general care and control of the teams, carts and stable of the city; and he may, with the approbation of the Mayor, make any arrangements with the Overseers of the Poor for a supply of labour and materials for the City ^{which} ~~as~~ the interest ~~of the city~~ thereof may require.

5. The provisions of this ordinance shall be applicable to and be executed ^{by} the superintendent of streets now in office.

In Board of Aldermen July 28. 1846.

Passed to be enrolled. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council August 4. 1846

Jacobs R. Paige Clerk

Concurred

C. S. Newell Clerk

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In Common Council Augt 4. Read
passed to a second reading

C. S. Newell
Clerk

Correctly drawn

J. J. Pawell for Com^{tee}
on Bills in 2^d Reading.

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Superintendent of Streets