

City of Cambridge.
In the year One thousand, eight hundred and sixty-one.

An Ordinance
Providing for the appointment and prescribing the duties of
City Solicitor—

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

Section 1.— There shall forthwith and hereafter annually
in the month of January and whenever a vacancy shall
occur be chosen by concurrent vote of the City Council,
action being first taken in the board of Mayor and
Aldermen a Solicitor for the City of Cambridge who
shall be a resident citizen thereof, an able and discreet
person, learned in the law and a practitioner in the
courts of the Commonwealth (and who shall not hold
any other office under the City Government during the
time he shall continue to hold said office of Solicitor)
and he shall be removable at the pleasure of the City
Council. —)

Section 2. It shall be the duty of said City Solicitor by himself or by some person by him duly authorized for whose conduct, skill and faithfulness he shall be accountable to draft all bonds, deeds, obligations, contracts, leases, conveyances, agreements, and other legal instruments of whatever nature, which may be required of him by any ordinance of the City, or order of the Mayor and Aldermen or of the City Council and which by law, usage or agreement the City is to be at the expense of drawing

Section 3. It shall be the duty of said City Solicitor to commence and prosecute all actions and suits to be commenced by the City before any tribunal in this Commonwealth whether in law or equity and also to appear in, defend and advocate the rights and interests of the City or any of the officers of the City in any suit or prosecution for any act or omission in the discharge of their official duties wherein any estate, right, privilege or ordinances or acts of the City Government or any breach of any ordinance of the City may be brought in question, and said Solicitor shall also appear before the Legislature of the Commonwealth or any committee thereof and there in behalf of the City represent, answer for,

defend and advocate the interests of the City either to prosecute or to defend and he shall in all matters do all and every professional act incident to the office which may be required of him by the City Government or by any joint or special committee thereof or by any ordinance or order of the City Council. He shall also when required furnish the Mayor and Aldermen, the Common Council or any joint committee or special committee of either branch of the City Government and any officer thereof who may require it in the discharge of his official duties, with his legal opinion on any subject touching the duties of their respective offices —

Section 11. In full compensation for all the services of said Solicitor he shall receive such salary as the City Council may from time to time determine, In all cases however he shall be entitled to receive and retain for his own use the legal taxable costs which may be received of the adverse party when the City shall recover the same according to the usage and practice of the Courts.

In Common Council, Feb. 13, 1861.

Amended in Sect. 4. by inserting, after the words "determined", the words, "the same to be six hundred dollars for the current year." Ordered to a second reading.

Attest, James M. Chase, Clerk.

Feb. 20. Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed, the above amendment having been reconsidered.

Attest, James M. Chase, Clerk.

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Correctly drawn.

J. L. Gardner }
John D. Bate }
Committee.

Feb 27, Taken January
Amendment 5-

April 3. Amended & table.

In Common Council, April 3, 1861.

Amended in Sect. 1. by striking out all after the word "Commonwealth".
Laid upon the table. Attest, James M. Chase, Clerk.