

City of Cambridge

in the year one thousand eight hundred  
and 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 commence-  
ment of each municipal year, by a con-  
current vote of the city council - to be first  
acted on by the Mayor and aldermen, an  
able and discreet person, to be styled the  
Superintendent of Streets, who shall hold  
his office at the pleasure of the city coun-  
cil - 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 charge and care of  
the highways streets lanes sidewalks - and  
bridges of the city - attend to the making wi-  
dening 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 and carriages at all  
seasons of the year - He shall superintend the  
building and repair of the drains and common  
sewers of the city, He shall see that the high-  
ways and streets are kept in good order and  
that all nuisances <sup>and</sup> obstructions ~~and defects~~  
therein are forthwith removed ~~and repaired~~  
or give notice thereof to the Mayor or one  
of the marshals of the city <sup>under the direction of the Mayor</sup> He may make  
all necessary <sup>contracts</sup> for the supply of any  
labor or materials, he may receive in  
the discharge of his official duties -

3. Whenever any highway street or bridge  
of the city shall from a want of necessary  
repair - or by reason of any alteration or repair  
~~being made~~ thereof being made - or of any  
drain common sewer or culvert being  
open or constructed through or across the  
same or for any other cause - be unsafe

or passengers  
or inconvenient for travellers, the Superintendant of Streets shall forthwith put up a ~~fence~~ 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 ~~place~~ manner - to be them kept burning bright 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 direction control of the teams carts and stable of the city - <sup>with</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>with the approbation of the Mayor</sup> he may make any arrangements with the overseers of the poor for a supply of labor and materials for the city as the interest thereof may require -

5. The provisions of this ordinance shall be applicable to and be executed by the Superintendent of Streets now in office

Superintendent of Streets.

18 May 1846. Board of Aldermen.

Read & committed to Aldermen Hastings, Wood & Butlerick.  
L. R. Paige Clerk