City of Cambridge.

In the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

An Ordinance
Relating to the Superintendence of Streets.

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

1. The Mayor is hereby constituted Commissioner of Highways. He shall have the general supervision of the highways, streets, lanes, sidewalks and bridges, and the control of the teams, carts and stables of the city; and he may make any contract or arrangement for a supply of labor and material for the city, which the interest thereof may require.

2. There shall be chosen annually, by a concurrent vote of the City Council, to be first acted upon by the Mayor and Aldermen, a suitable person who shall be styled a Superintendent of Streets, who shall hold his office at the pleasure of the City Council, and shall receive such compensation, as the said

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Council shall determine. Whenever such office shall become vacant by resignation, or otherwise, the same shall be filled in the manner herein prescribed.

3. The Superintendents of Streets shall, under the direction and control of the Mayor and Aldermen, have the care and charge of the highways, streets, lanes, sidewalks and bridges in their respective wards; and shall attend to the making, amending 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. They shall superintend the constructing and repairing of drains and common sewers. They 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 Marshalls of the city. They may, under the direction of the Mayor, make all necessary contracts for the supply of any labor, or materials, which may be required in the discharge of their official duties.

4. It shall be the duty of the Superintendant of Streets for the Ward, in which any highway, street, or bridge of the city, shall, from any cause, become unsafe or inconvenient to travellers or passengers, forthwith to put up a suitable fence across such highway, street, or bridge and exclude travellers from passing over the same; or cause the part 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 lights or lanterns to said fence, or in some other proper manner, to be there kept every night, from twilight in the evening and through the whole night so long as said fence shall be kept standing.

Be it further ordained. That an ordinance for establishing the office of Superintendent of Streets and prescribing his duties, passed August 25. 1846, be and the same is hereby repealed.

In common Council April 19. 1848
referred to joint Com on Roads & Bridges
Sent up for concurrence C. S. Newell Clk

In Board of Aldermen
19 Apl. 1848 } Concurred.
Lucius R. Paige, City Clerk

Ordinance
Relating to Superintendance
of Streets
April 19. 1848

Read Passed

City of Cambridge

In Board of Aldermen May 23 1848.

The Joint Committee on Roads & Bridges, to whom was referred a proposed Ordinance, in relation to the appointment of three Superintendents of Streets, one for each ward, have duly considered said subject, & report that in their judgment the Ordinance ought not to pass, & they recommend it be indefinitely postponed

By the Committee

Thos Whittemore

In Board of Aldermen May 23. 1848.

Accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Lucius R. Paige, City Clerk.

In Common Council May 23. 1848

Concurred E. Newell clerk

Report
on the proposed ordinance
for the appointment
of three Superintendents of
Streets.

23 May 1848.