

City of Cambridge.

In the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-five.

An Ordinance

in relation to the removal of Ashes, Soot, and Rubbish.

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

Section 1. No person shall throw, or cause to be thrown, into any public street, place, court, or square, any dirt, soot, ashes, cinders, shales, filth or rubbish of any kind; but the same shall be deposited in barrels, or other suitable vessels, and left in some place convenient for removal, and shall be removed, under the direction of the Superintendent of Streets and Drains, at least as often as once in each month.

Section 2. The Superintendent of Streets and Drains shall make such regulations as he shall think proper in regard to the days during which he will remove said dirt, &c., from the different sections of the City, having regard, so far as possible, to uniformity and the convenience of the inhabitants.

Section 3. Any person offending against the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars.

In Board of Aldermen, Jan 11. 1865.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and sent down for enactment.

Attest: Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

In Common Council Jan 11. 1865

Concurred.

Attest: J. L. Holt. Clerk

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City of Cambridge Feb 15/15
Mr Board of Aldermen

The Committee on Ordinances to whom was referred "An ordinance in relation to the removal of ashes, dirt, and rubbish" have considered the subject and submit the following report.

The Committee are of opinion that the present ordinances of the City, viz: - Section 20 of the Ordinance in relation to Streets, already provide a sufficient remedy for any evil arising from depositing ashes and other rubbish in the public streets.

By this ordinance the whole matter seems now to be left to a great extent under the control of the Board of Aldermen.

The Superintendent of Streets is now in the habit of removing ashes for any parties who desire it and give notice to him at the City Hall. This practice seems to have grown up not from any direct action of the City Government, but from the general authority of the Superintendent to procure materials for the repair of the streets. The Committee have some doubts whether the value of the material so collected is sufficient to meet the expense of collecting it, but this practice seems to meet all the necessities of the case unless the City shall undertake the removal of all the ashes and rubbish throughout the City, which appears to be contemplated by the proposed

ordinance. If this should be the result of the adoption of the ordinance it would probably require a considerable increase in the force of men and horses employed by the Street Department and the Committee do not think the value of the material collected would compensate this increased expense. It is not understood that any great inconvenience is now experienced by citizens of Cambridge from the necessity of removing ashes and rubbish at their own expense.

The Committee are therefore of opinion that the ordinance should not be adopted and so recommend to the City Council
for the Committee
C. F. Choate -

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Attest: Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk

In Common Council Feb 15 1868

Concurred

Attest: J. H. Holt, Clerk

Report of Committee⁵
on Ordinances

Feb. 15, 1845