

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE.

AN ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO PURCHASING SUPPLIES.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge:

SEC. 1. At the commencement of each municipal year there shall be chosen or appointed by their respective boards a Joint Standing Committee, consisting of two members of the Board of Aldermen and three Members of the Common Council, to be called the Committee on Supplies.

SEC. 2. This Committee shall seasonably advertise for sealed proposals to furnish the City during the whole of the municipal year, or such part thereof as in their judgment the interests of the City require, with the following articles, namely: Coal, Wood, Edgestones, Paving-stones, Bricks, Drain-pipe, Sand, Lime, Cement, Lumber, Hay, Grain, and Stationery, and to do all the Printing required by the City. Each advertisement shall state the time to be covered by the contract, and may at the option of the Committee call for proposals for one or more of the above articles to be furnished under one contract.

SEC. 3. The proposals for each contract shall be sent to the Clerk of Committees, shall remain in his custody sealed until the time for the reception of proposals for that contract shall have expired, and shall then be opened in the presence of the Committee at a regularly called meeting, and forthwith recorded on the records; ~~and at any one of the~~ ^{at which meeting} ~~at which meeting~~

~~shall be furnished to the Finance~~
~~at said meeting;~~

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SEC. 4. No proposal shall be received after any other proposal for the same contract shall have been opened, but the contract shall be awarded by the Committee to the lowest responsible bidder as decided by the Committee, and the Chairman shall execute the contract on behalf of the City, provided, however, that the Committee, if in their judgment the interests of the City so require, may reject all proposals and either advertise anew or report to the City Council their inability to procure a satisfactory proposal.

SEC. 5. If any contract expires by limitation or becomes inoperative from any other cause, the Committee shall proceed to make a new contract in the same manner.

SEC. 6. During the existence of any contract thus made, no person shall, without the special authority of the City Council or of the Mayor and Aldermen (in cases where this Board is authorized to expend money without the concurrence of the Common Council) purchase on behalf of the City any article covered by such contract of any other person than the contractor.

SEC. 7. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

In Board of Aldermen, April 14th, 1875.

Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Attest: JUSTIN A. JACOBS, City Clerk.

Purchasing
Supplies."