

City of Cambridge
In the year one thousand eight hundred
and fifty eight

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

Sec 1 There shall forthwith, and
hereafter annually in the month of
January, and whenever a vacancy
may occur, be chosen by the
concurrence vote of both branches of
the City Council, ^{to be first gotten upon by the 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 as attorney
and counsellor at law, 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.

Sect 2. It shall be the duty of the said City Solicitor to draft all bonds, deeds, obligations, contracts leases, conveyances, agreements, and other legal instruments, of whatsoever nature, which may be required of him, by an 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.

Sect 3 It shall be the duty of the 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 in equity, and also to appear in, defend and advocate the rights and interests of the City, or of 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 rights, privileges, 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 of 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. And he shall when required furnish the Mayor and Aldermen, the Common Council, or any joint or special committee of either branch thereof, and any officer of the City Government 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

Sec 4 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 cost which may be received of the adverse party when the City shall recover the same according to the usage and practice of the courts,

(over)

In Common Council Feb. 25. 1858.

Passed to be enrolled.

Attest, James M. Deane, Clerk.

In Board of Aldermen, March 3. 1858.

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Attest, Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk.

Read over. At. Geo. L. Bell.

Jan. 25. 1858.

of the Board
of Aldermen
Justin A. Jacobs
City Clerk

Attest, Solicitor.

Ordinance: 26

In Board of Aldermen, April 7. 1858.

Taken from the table and ordered to a second reading.

Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk.

In Board of Aldermen, April 14. 1858.

Read a second time - and indefinitely postponed.

Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk.