

City of Cambridge.

In the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

An Ordinance,

providing for the appointment and prescribing the duties of City Marshal, and establishing a City Watch.

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

1. — The Mayor and Aldermen shall forthwith appoint, and shall hereafter, at the commencement of every municipal year, appoint, a City Marshal. He may be appointed to the office of Constable; and, before entering on the duties of his office, shall take, before the Mayor and Aldermen, the oath prescribed by law for constables; and shall give bond, in the sum of three hundred dollars, with surety, to be approved by the Mayor and Aldermen, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

2. — The City Marshal shall have precedence and command over the Constables of the City, when acting together in the same service, or when thereto directed by the Mayor.

3. — The said Marshal shall, from time to time, pass through the streets, lanes, and alleys, of the City, and take notice of

all nuisances, obstructions and impediments therein, and on the sidewalks thereof, and cause the same forthwith to be removed, and the authors thereof to be prosecuted according to law. He shall observe all defects and want of repair in the highways and streets, and give immediate notice thereof to the Mayor and Aldermen, or the Superintendent of streets, to the end that the same may be amended. He shall, to the utmost of his power, preserve the public peace, and prevent all riots, disorders, and unlawful practices, within the city. He shall carry into execution, within the city, the laws of the Commonwealth and all ordinances of the city, and be vigilant to detect and bring to punishment all violators thereof. He shall obey and execute all the commands of the Mayor and Aldermen, which in any way relate to the interest or security of the city and the inhabitants thereof. He shall receive all complaints made to him of any violation of the laws or of any ordinances of the city, and shall, on behalf of the city, cause all offenders against such laws and ordinances to be promptly prosecuted before some Court or Justice of the Peace, as the case may require, within the County of Middlesex, and shall attend, on behalf of the city, at their trials. He shall lay before the Mayor and Aldermen, once in three months, and oftener if required, a statement of all offences against the laws of the Commonwealth and the ordinances of the city, and of all prosecutions instituted by him on behalf of the city, and the result thereof.

4. - The said Marshal shall, ~~and shall~~

under the authority and control of the Mayor and Aldermen, carry into execution, within the City, all rules and ordinances which shall from time to time be made by the City Council, relative to the causes of sickness, nuisances, and sources of filth, which may affect injuriously the health or comfort of the inhabitants; and he shall cause all such nuisances, sources of filth, and causes of sickness, to be immediately removed, destroyed, or prevented, conformably to such ordinances and the laws of the Commonwealth.

5. The said Marshal shall, within the City, execute and carry into effect all ordinances, which shall from time to time be made by the City Council, to prevent unlawful and injurious practices in the streets and other public places in the City.

6. - The said Marshal and the Constables of the City shall, in case of fire within their respective Wards, repair to the place where the fire may be, and attend diligently to the preservation of the public peace, and the prevention of thefts, and of the loss or destruction of property.

7. - The Mayor and Aldermen may from time to time order a suitable Watch to be kept in the night; and, for that purpose, may appoint any number of Watchmen, not exceeding twenty, which they may deem necessary, and establish all needful rules and regulations for the government thereof.

D. - The City Marshal shall be Captain of the watch within the City, and shall obey and execute all rules and orders made and given him in charge, in that behalf, by the Mayor and Aldermen. They shall, when on the watch, pass in and about the streets, lanes and principal inhabited places of the City, to prevent danger by fire, and to see that order is kept, and that all disturbances and disorders are prevented and suppressed; and, for that purpose, they shall have authority to examine all persons whom they shall see walking abroad in the night, after ten o'clock, and whom they shall have reason to suspect of any unlawful design, and to demand of them their business abroad at such a time, and whither they are going; to enter any houses of ill fame for the purpose of suppressing any riot or disturbance therein, and to arrest any persons there found making or abetting in such riot or disturbance. And all persons so walking abroad and suspected of any unlawful design as aforesaid, who shall not give a satisfactory account of their so being abroad and of their business, and all persons so arrested in such houses of ill fame, shall be secured, by imprisonment or otherwise, to be safely kept until the next morning, and shall then be taken before a Justice of the Peace, to be examined and proceeded with according to the nature of their offence.

G. - The said Marshal, and all other watchmen, when attending watch, shall carry with them such badge of their office as the Mayor and Aldermen shall prescribe.

10. - The Mayor and Aldermen may at any time, by vote, remove from office said Marshal, and appoint a successor. They may also, in case of the death or resignation of the said Marshal, appoint another in his place. The said Marshal shall receive such compensation as the City Council shall determine. - He shall keep a true and accurate account of the services rendered and time spent by him in discharging the duties of his office, and lay the same before the City Council once in every three months.

11. An Ordinance, "in addition to an Ordinance, providing for the appointment and prescribing the duties of City Marshal, and establishing a City Watch," Passed May 13, 1851, is hereby repealed.

In Common Council, May 26<sup>th</sup> 1853  
Passed to be ordained.

John Sargent

President.

In Board of Aldermen, May 31, 1853.  
Passed to be ordained.

James D. Green, Mayor.

52. Ordinance, 15

providing for the appointment and  
prescribing the duties of city Marshal,  
and establishing a city watch.

Committee on  
Enrolled Ordinances & Resolutions  
Francis L. Batchelder -