

City of Cambridge,  
in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

An Ordinance,  
establishing the office of Superintendant of Streets, and  
prescribing his duties.

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

1. There shall be chosen, at the commence-  
ment of each municipal year, by a concurrent vote  
of the City Council, to be first acted upon by the Mayor  
and Aldermen, an able and discreet person, to be  
styled the "Superintendant of Streets," who shall hold  
his office at the pleasure of the City Council, and shall  
receive such compensation as said Council shall deter-  
mine. Whenever said office shall become vacant, by  
death, resignation, or otherwise, a successor shall be ap-  
pointed in the manner herein prescribed.

2. The Superintendant of Streets shall, under  
the direction and control of the Mayor and Aldermen,  
have the general care and charge of the highways,  
streets, lanes, sidewalks and bridges, of the City; and  
shall attend to the making, amending and alteration  
thereof, and cause the same to be kept in good re-  
pair, so as to be safe and convenient for travellers,  
with their horses, teams, and carriages, at all seasons  
of the year. He shall superintend the building and  
repairing of the drains and common sewers of the  
City. He shall see that the highways and streets are  
kept in good order, and that all nuisances and ob-  
structions therein are forthwith removed, or give no-  
tice thereof to the Mayor or one of the Marshals of  
the City. He may, under the direction of the Mayor,  
make all necessary contracts for the supply of any labor

or materials he may require, in the discharge of his official duty.

3. Whenever any highway, bridge or street of the city shall, from want of necessary repair, or by reason of any alteration or repair thereof being made, or of any drain, common sewer or culvert being open or constructed across or through the same, or for any other cause, be unsafe or inconvenient for travellers or passengers, the Superintendent of Streets shall forthwith put up a suitable fence across such highway, street, or bridge, and exclude all travellers passing over the same; or cause the parts 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 lighted 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.

4. The Superintendent of Streets shall have the general care and control of the teams, carts and stable of the city; and he may, with the approbation of the Mayor, make any arrangements with the Overseers of the Poor for a supply of labor and materials for the city, which the interest thereof may require.

5. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be applicable to and be executed by the Superintendent of Streets now in office.

In Common Council, August 25<sup>th</sup> 1846

Passed to be ordained

James Livermore,  
President.

In Board of Aldermen, August 25. 1846.

Passed to be ordained.

James D. Green, Mayor.

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establishing the Office of  
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Correctly enrolled  
Wm L. Whitney for  
the committee on  
enrolled bills —

