

# City of Cambridge

In the year One Thousand Eight Hundred  
and Seventy two

An Ordinance  
providing for the appointment of a "City  
Solicitor", and prescribing his duties.

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

Section 1. On the first <sup>Wednesday</sup> Monday of April,  
~~annually~~, or within thirty days thereafter,  
there shall be elected by concurrent vote  
of both branches of the City Council, to be  
first acted upon by the Mayor and Aldermen,  
a Solicitor for the City of Cambridge, who shall  
be a resident citizen thereof, and who shall  
have been admitted an attorney and counsellor  
of the Courts of the Commonwealth, and who  
shall not hold any other office under the  
City Government during the period for which  
he is elected -

He shall hold his office for one year from  
the first Monday of April in the year in which  
he shall be elected, and until his successor  
is elected and qualified, unless sooner re-  
moved; and he shall be removable at the

pleasure of the City Council, and vacancies may be filled at any time for the unexpired term.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of said Solicitor, by himself or by some person by him duly authorized, for whose conduct, skill and faithfulness, he shall be accountable, to draft all bonds, deeds, obligations, contracts, leases, conveyances, agreements, and other legal instruments of whatever nature, which may be required of him by any ordinance or order of the Board of Aldermen or of the City Council, or which, by any ordinance or order heretofore passed, may be requisite to be done and made by the City of Cambridge, and any person or persons contracting with the City in its corporate capacity, and which, by law, usage, or agreement, the City is to be at the expense of drawing.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of 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 equity; and also to appear in, defend, and advocate the rights, and interests of the City, or 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, right, privilege, ordinance;

or acts of the City Government, or any breach of any ordinance may be brought in question. And said Solicitor shall also appear before the Legislature of the Commonwealth, or any Committee thereof, whether of either or both branches of the same, and there, in behalf of the City, represent, answer for, defend, and advocate the interests and welfare of said City, whenever the same may be directly or incidentally affected, whether to prosecute or defend the same; 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 heretofore passed: And he shall, when required, furnish the Mayor, Board of 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 official discharge of his duties, with his legal opinion on any subject touching the duties of their respective offices.

Section 4. A City Solicitor shall forthwith be elected, to hold office until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified, as provided in the first section of this Ordinance.

Section 5. In full compensation for all the services of said Solicitor, he shall receive

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such salary as the City Council may  
from time to time fix and determine  
in all cases, however, when his attendance  
may be required out of the City, his  
reasonable travelling expenses shall be  
allowed him, and in suits and process  
-suits, he shall be entitled to receive and  
retain for his own use, the legal taxable  
costs which may be recovered of the ad-  
-verse party, when the City shall recover  
the same, according to the usage and  
practice of the Courts.  
Section 6. It is enacted that any of  
the several Ordinances so imposed contain-  
-ing prohibitive duties upon the City Clerk is  
hereby repealed.

In Council of Greenock, Jan<sup>y</sup> 17, 1872  
Passed to be ordained  
Alvin B. Baskin  
President,

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Wm. F. Matheson  
Clerk

Correctly Enrolled  
J. H. Holt  
J. W. Holt  
Com. Milk