

BY-LAWS
AND
ORDINANCES
OF THE
CITY OF PITTSBURGH,
AND THE
ACTS OF ASSEMBLY
Relating Thereto;
WITH
NOTES AND REFERENCES TO JUDICIAL DECISIONS THEREON,
AND
AN APPENDIX,
RELATING TO SEVERAL SUBJECTS CONNECTED WITH THE
LAWS AND POLICE OF THE
CITY CORPORATION.

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CHAPTER I.

An Ordinance for the organization of the City of Pittsburgh.

SECT. I. *Be it ordained and enacted by the citizens of Pittsburgh, in Select and Common Councils assembled,* That the seal of the city be kept by the Recorder, for the time being, who shall affix the same, without fee or reward, to all ordinances enacted by the concurrence of the Select and Common Councils of the city; and also to all contracts or other public acts, between the city and any other person or persons, or bodies corporate or politic. He shall affix the seal to every commission issued by the Mayor, to the officers of the city, and to all official acts and documents, perfected by or before himself or the Mayor, where he or the Mayor may deem the authentication of the city seal proper and necessary; and for each commission, and for each certificate accompanied by the seal, the Recorder shall be entitled to demand and receive one dollar.

Seal to be kept by Recorder.

To be affixed to public acts, commissions, &c.

Compensation

II. *And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That whenever any officer of the city, or other person acting under the authority thereof shall be directed by law, or by any ordinance, to give security for the faithful performance of his duty, and the form of the security shall not have been prescribed by law or by ordinance, such officer or person and his sureties shall become bound, jointly and severally, in an obligation payable "to the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Pittsburgh, and their successors," with the appropriate condition under written: the obligation to be attested and certified by the Mayor.

Public officers to give bond, with sureties.

Resolved, That the acting commissioner be instructed, as soon as practicable, to advertise for contract, the line of canal, as now located from Pine creek, to a point opposite Washington-street, and also the aqueduct across the Allegheny river, and the locks and other works necessary for a connexion with the Allegheny, and that the making of contracts for that part of the line between the aqueduct and Suke's run, be suspended until the corporation of Pittsburgh shall have made the guarantee proposed by a resolution of the city of the 25th day of April, 1827.

I approve of the location made by the foregoing resolutions of the canal commissioners, May 7th, 1827. Approval of engineer.

NATHAN S. ROBERTS,

Engineer western section Pennsylvania canal.

I consent to the location determined upon by the board of canal commissioners, according to the foregoing resolutions. Approval of governor

J. ANDREW SHULZE.

Harrisburg, May 7th, 1827.

Now, in order to give more formal, full, and satisfactory assurance that the city of Pittsburgh will carry into effect, and fulfil with punctuality, its agreement contained in the foregoing resolutions:

I. *Be it ordained and enacted, &c.* That the property, revenue, resources, and good faith of the city be, and they are hereby charged and pledged to make good and fulfil all and every of the promises and engagements on the part of this city, as set forth and contained in the resolutions of the 25th of April last, as above stated. Property of corporation pledged.

II. That whenever notice shall be given to the Mayor of the city, by the board of canal commissioners or their successors, that the city will be called upon, in consequence of the foregoing resolutions, to furnish money for the discharge of deficiencies embraced by this guarantee, that then the city shall forthwith provide and pay over to the said commissioners or their successors, all for which it may be liable, without delay or hindrance to the progress and completion of the work. When notice given to Mayor by commissioner, corporation to furnish funds.

Passed 19th May, 1827, and recorded 26th May, 1827, in Book A. page 97.

CHAPTER CIII.

An additional Ordinance "for the suppression of nuisances and enforcing useful regulations within the city of Pittsburgh."

I. That if any person shall throw, cast or fire any squibs, Penalty on

persons firing rockets, or other fire-works, in, or into any of the streets, squares, lanes or alleys of the city of Pittsburgh, every such person shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, a sum not exceeding five dollars.

Penalty on persons discharging guns, fire-arms, &c. from their houses, &c. II. That if any person shall fire off or discharge wantonly and without any reasonable cause, any gun, pistol, fowling piece, or any other fire-arms, at any place or from any house, within the city, or in any of the streets, alleys or highways of the said city, such person shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of five dollars.

Penalty for firing guns, &c. at or from any house. III. That if any person shall, without any reasonable cause, allow or permit any person to fire off or discharge, at or from his or her house, in the said city, any gun, pistol, or other fire arms, every such person shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, the sum of five dollars.

Penalty on persons making bon-fires, &c. in the streets. IV. That if any person shall make or assist to make, any bon-fire, or wantonly and unnecessarily burn any shavings, or other combustible matter, in any of the public streets, alleys, wharves or squares in said city, every such person shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, the sum of five dollars.

Penalty on persons flying kites within the city. V. That if any person shall fly any kite, in any of the streets, lanes, alleys or public squares, in the said city, every such person, so offending, shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, the sum of one dollar.

How fines & penalties incurred under this ord. shall be recovered. Fines, when recov. how appropriat'd. VI. That each and every fine, forfeiture and penalty, imposed by this ordinance, shall and may be sued for and recovered, with costs of suit, before the Mayor, or any Alderman of said city; and one half of every such fine, forfeiture or penalty, so recovered as aforesaid, shall be appropriated to the use of the said city, and the other half thereof shall belong and go to the use of the person who shall sue for and recover the same in the manner aforesaid.

Repeal of former ordinances. VII. That each and every part of any ordinance, inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, is hereby repealed.

Passed 30th July, 1827, and recorded 3d August, 1827, in Book A page 100

CHAPTER CIV.

Article of agreement between the corporation of Pittsburgh and William R. Griffith, respecting the lighting of the city with gas.

This article of agreement, made and entered into this tenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, between the Mayor, Al-