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STATUTE LAWS
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT,
RELATIVE TO THE
CITY OF NEW-LONDON,

INCORPORATED IN JANUARY, 1784.

CHAP. I.

An Act incorporating the Cities of Hartford, New-Haven, New-London, Norwich, and Middletown.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened,* That all the inhabitants, being Limits of the city of Hartford. electors of the state, dwelling in the town of Hartford, within the following limits, to wit: beginning at a place called the Dutch ground, upon the high land, on the bank of the great river, on the southerly side of said river, as it now runs in the lot belonging to *Thomas Seymour, Esq.* and from thence, a straight line to the north-west corner of *Joshua Hempstead's* dwelling-house; thence a westerly line to the north-west corner of *James Steele's* dwelling-house; from thence a north-westerly course to the south-west corner of *James Shepard's* malt-house; from thence northerly, a straight line to the upper mills, so called, including said mills; thence northerly in a straight line to the north-west corner of *Capt. John Olcott's* dwelling-house, including said house; and from thence turning and running due east a straight course to Connecticut river; be, and the same are hereby ordained, constituted and declared to be, from time to time, and forever hereafter, one body politic and corporate, in fact and in name, by the name of "*The Mayor, Aldermen, Common Council and Freemen of the city of Hartford.*"—That all the inhabitants, being electors of the state, dwelling in New-Haven, Limits of the city of New-Haven. within the following limits, to wit: beginning at the north-east cor-

said city, or any railing placed in such line to guard such side-walk or any tree planted for shade or ornament, or use, on any street, highway, or any other place within said city, public or private, he shall forfeit and pay to the party injured thereby, or to the city, the sum of three dollars, and also pay to such party his just damages. Relative to trees standing on sidewalks.

SEC. 3. And whereas the practice of standing on the side-walks in this city, and corners of streets is incommodious to passengers — therefore be it ordained, that if any person shall, by standing in or upon the side-walks, corners of streets, &c. in this city, impede, hinder or incommode any other person, while passing or endeavoring to pass on such side-walk, every person so impeding or hindering, or incommoding, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar for the use of the city. Relative to standing on side walks.

SEC. 4. *And be it further ordained,* That for the purpose of this act the term side-walk shall be deemed, to mean all that part of the street upon both sides where curb or flag stones is already laid down — and where there is no curb stones then a space of six feet in width from the boundary line of said street, upon both sides of said street.

SEC. 5. *And be it further ordained,* That if any minor or apprentice shall be guilty of any breach of this law, the parent, guardian, or master of such minor, or apprentice shall be liable to pay the aforesaid forfeiture and the same shall be recoverable of such parent, guardian, or master, by action of debt.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the city attorney and lawful for any other person to prosecute for all penalties incurred by this act — one half of which penalty shall go to the informer and the other to the use of the city. Duty of the city attorney.

CHAP. XXVI.

A By-Law in relation to the Firing of Guns and Pistols, within the limits of the city of New-London, and making parents and guardians, and masters, liable for breaches of by-laws by minors and apprentices.

[Passed July 6, and Approved Sept. 28 1835.]

Pub. Conn. Gaz. Nov. 25, 1835.

Be it ordained by the mayor, aldermen, and common council and freemen of the city of New-London, That no gun or pistol shall be fired at any time within the limits of said city, unless on some public day of review, and then by order of the officers of the military companies of said city, or by permission of the mayor, or one of the aldermen of said city; and whosoever shall fire any gun or pistol, contrary to the form and effect of this by-law, shall for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of two dollars, to be recovered by due process in any court in said city, proper to try the same. Relative to the firing of guns within the limits of the city.

SEC. 2. And whereas the firing of guns and pistols, crackers, or other fire works is most frequently done by apprentices and minors under age, who are unable to pay the forfeiture incurred by the by-

Parents, guar- law of this city—be it also ordained that where any minor or ap-
 dians or mas- prentice shall be guilty of any breach of the by-laws relating to the
 ters, to be re- firing of guns, pistols, crackers, or other fire-works, the parent, guar-
 sponsible for dian, or master of such minor or apprentice, shall be liable to pay
 the penalty the forfeitures incurred by said by-law, and the same shall be recov-
 here incurred. erable of any parent, guardian, or master, by action of debt brought
 on said by law, before any court in said city proper to try the same.
 And it shall be the duty of the city attorney and lawful for any oth-
 er person to prosecute for said penalty ; and one-half of said penal-
 ty shall go to the informer, or the person prosecuting for the same,
 and the other half to the use of the city.

CHAP. XXVII.

A By-Law to restrain Horses and Geese from going at large in the
 city of New-London.

[Passed July 13, and Approved Sept. 28, 1835.]

Pub. Conn. Gaz. Dec. 16, 1835.

Relative to hor- *Be it ordained by the mayor, aldermen, common council, and free-*
 ses and geese *men of the city of New-London,* That no horse shall be allowed
 running at to go at large within the limits of said city ; and if any horse shall
 large. be found at large, within the limits of said city, it shall be the duty
 of the haywards of said city, and shall be lawful for any other per-
 son to impound said horse, in any pound within said city, and the
 owner of said horse shall pay the sum of one dollar to the pound
 keeper, before said horse shall be released from said pound ; seven-
 ty-five cents thereof shall be given to the person or persons who
 shall impound said horse, and twenty-five cents to the pound-keeper
 for his fees ; and in case the owner of said horse shall not within
 five days from the impounding of the same, pay the sum of one
 dollar, and also the additional sum of twenty-five cents for each
 day said horse shall have been impounded, and been supported by
 said pound-keeper, then the pound keeper shall sell the same at
 public auction, to the highest bidder, giving five days notice of said
 sale by publishing in a newspaper, or by setting up on the signpost
 of said city, an advertisement of said sale, and said advertisement
 to contain a description of said horse ; and the proceeds of sale, af-
 ter deducting all fees as above, and all necessary expenses, shall be
 paid over to the owner of said horse, he proving his title to the
 same, and if no owner appears within six months the same shall be
 paid into the treasury of the city.

Notice of sale
 to be advertis-
 ed.

Persons to
 prosecute.

SEC. 2, *And be it further ordained,* That the owner of every
 horse, found going at large, within the limits of said city, shall incur
 a penalty of one dollar for each time a horse is found going at
 large within the limits of said city, and the same shall be recov-
 ered in an action of debt, by any person suing for the same, before
 the city court, or any court proper to try the same ; one half said
 penalty to go to the person prosecuting for the same, and the other
 half to the use of the city ; and it shall be the duty of the city at-