

# ORDINANCES

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## CITY ORDINANCES.

### No. 1.

#### AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

*Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Charlestown,  
as follows :*

SECT. 1. All By-Laws of the City shall be called "Ordinances," and the enacting clause thereof shall be "Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Charlestown, as follows :"

SECT. 2. All Ordinances shall be engrossed at length by the City Clerk, in the order in which they shall be passed, in a book to be kept for the purpose, made of strong linen paper, with proper margin and index, and strongly bound, which shall be kept in the City Clerk's Office, open to the inspection of the citizens. Such Ordinances and Orders as the City Council may direct, shall be published two weeks successively in one or more papers published in the City.

SECT. 3. The Joint Standing Committee on Printing shall have the direction of the Printing of Ordinances and other documents ordered to be printed. Fifteen copies, in addition to the number ordered by the City Council, shall be printed and distributed as follows : five copies in the City Clerk's Office ; two in the City Marshal's Office : and one in each of the following Rooms, namely : of the Mayor and Aldermen, Common Council, School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, Engineers, Assessors, City Solicitor, and Treasurer. The Committee on Printing shall make contracts for printing, and approve the bills therefor.

SECT. 4. Whenever any Ordinance shall provide for the election of any City Officer, at or within a time specified, such provision shall be considered as directory ; and any election after the expiration of such time shall be valid.

the owner, they may so assess such tenant or occupant; *and provided also*, that nothing herein shall affect the right which owners and tenants may have respectively, by reason of any agreement made between themselves, concerning such taxes.

SECT. 13. The office hours for the transaction of public business at the room of the Board of Assessors, shall be from 8½ o'clock, A. M., to 1 o'clock, P. M., and from 2½ o'clock to 5 o'clock, P. M., from April 1st to November 1st; and from 9 o'clock, A. M., to 1 o'clock, P. M., and from 2½ o'clock, to 4½ o'clock, P. M., from November 1st to April 1st.

SECT. 14. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

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## No. 10.

### AN ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO STREETS.

SECT. 1. All petitions for laying out, widening, altering or discontinuing any street or way, shall first be presented to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and be referred by them to the Joint Standing Committee for laying out, altering and discontinuing Streets and Ways, whose duty it shall be, on receiving any and all petitions for such purposes, to proceed according to the provisions of law, which relate to laying out town and private ways, viz: By notifying and hearing the parties concerned, viewing the premises, estimating damages, when sustained by individuals, causing the admeasurements and boundaries to be distinctly marked out on the premises, and also described in their report; said report to be lodged in the City Clerk's office seven days, at least, before any action of the City Council on the same, and to be first taken up and acted upon by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. *Provided*, that if said Committee, after having considered the subject, shall deem the prayer of the petitioners inexpedient, they may, without further action, report an order for postponement, or for giving the petitioners leave to withdraw.

SECT. 2. The several streets in the city shall continue to be

on any flagging stones laid in or across any street in the city, or unnecessarily leave any team, vehicle, or any other obstruction in any street in the city.

SECT. 31. No person, in a nude state, shall swim or bathe in any of the waters within or surrounding the city, so as to be exposed to the view of other persons in any street or house within the city.

SECT. 32. No person shall, except in the performance of some duty required by law, discharge any gun, pistol, or other firearm, loaded with balls or shot, or with powder only, within the city.

SECT. 33. No person shall injure, deface, or destroy any guide post, or guide board, any lamp post, or lamp or lantern thereon, nor any tree, building, fence, post, or other thing set, erected or made for use or ornament of the city.

SECT. 34. No person shall fire any squib, cracker, serpent, or other preparation whereof gunpowder is an ingredient, or which consists wholly of the same, or make any bonfire in or upon any street or wharf within the city, except by the authority of the Mayor and Aldermen.

SECT. 35. The tenant, occupant, and in case there be no tenant or occupant, the owner, or any person having the care of any building or lot of land bordering on any street, lane, court, square, or public place within the city, where there is any footway or sidewalk, shall, after the ceasing to fall of any snow, if in the day time, within one hour, and if in the night time, before nine of the clock in the forenoon succeeding, cause the same to be removed therefrom, and in default thereof, shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than two nor more than ten dollars, and for each and every hour thereafter that the same shall remain on such footway or sidewalk, such tenant, occupant, owner, or other person, shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars. The provisions of this section shall apply to snow falling from any building, or accumulated upon such footway or sidewalk from any other cause.

SECT. 36. Whenever the sidewalk or any part thereof adjoin-

ing any building or lot of land on any street shall be encumbered with ice, it shall be the duty of the owner, tenant, occupant, and any other person having the care of such building or lot, to cause said sidewalk to be made safe and convenient, by removing the ice therefrom, or by covering the same with sand or some other suitable substance; and in case such owner, tenant, occupant or other person shall neglect so to do for the space of six hours during the day time, he shall be liable to the penalty hereinafter provided, and a like penalty for every day that the same shall continue so encumbered.

SECT. 37. Any person who shall throw or put, or cause to be thrown or put, any snow or ice into any street in the city, except that removed from the sidewalks, shall cause the same to be broken up and spread evenly over the surface of the street.

SECT. 38. No person shall place or cause to be placed upon any footpath or sidewalk in the city, any article or thing whatsoever, so as to unnecessarily obstruct a free passage for foot passengers, and no obstruction shall remain for more than thirty minutes.

SECT. 39. No person shall put, place, or cause to be put or placed upon any sidewalk or footway used as a common thoroughfare, any offal, manure, or any other offensive matter; nor shall any owner, tenant, occupant, or any other person having the care of any building or lot bordering upon any such sidewalk or thoroughfare suffer or allow any such offal, manure, or any other offensive matter, to be put or placed upon any such sidewalk.

SECT. 40. The foregoing provisions shall not be taken or construed as limiting in any manner the legal rights and duties of the Surveyors of Highways to make any alterations and repairs in the streets, which they may deem the safety and convenience of the inhabitants, or the interests of the city to require.

SECT. 41. Any person who shall offend against any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall forfeit and pay for each and every offence, a sum not less than one dollar nor more than twenty dollars; and a like penalty for every day such offence shall be repeated or continued.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any offence where a different penalty is provided in this Ordinance.

SECT. 42. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

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## No. 11.

### AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO COMMON SEWERS AND DRAINS.

SECT. 1. The Mayor and Aldermen may lay, make and maintain all such Main Drains or Common Sewers, as they shall adjudge to be necessary for the public convenience or health, and may repair the same from time to time whenever repair thereof shall be necessary; and all Main Drains and Common Sewers, so laid, shall be the property of the City of Charlestown.

SECT. 2. Common Sewers or Main Drains which shall be ordered by the Mayor and Aldermen to be made, shall be laid in such places and manner, and shall be made of such materials and dimensions as the Committee on Drains shall direct, unless the Mayor and Aldermen specially determine otherwise.

SECT. 3. Said Committee shall have full power to direct and control the places and manner of constructing and entering all private Drains entering such Common Sewers.

SECT. 4. Every owner of land adjoining a street in which there is a Common Sewer, if ordered by the Mayor and Aldermen, shall make a sufficient Drain from his premises in such manner and within such time as the Mayor and Aldermen shall determine, who may cause the same to be done, if such owner neglects to comply with such order and determination, in which case the cost and expenses thus incurred may be recovered of such owner, in an action in the name of the City, in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

SECT. 5. Rain water may be conducted from buildings into Common Sewers, only by tight water spouts or tubes, laid under ground, and under the direction of the Superintendent of Drains