

REVISED CHARTER .

AND

ORDINANCES

OF THE

CITY OF TACOMA

WASHINGTON

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PREFACE.

In this revision of the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Tacoma, will be found a record of every ordinance passed by Old Tacoma, New Tacoma and Tacoma up to and including Ordinance No. 2478.

When the letters O. T. or N. T. occur they mean either Old Tacoma or New Tacoma.

I have undertaken, *first*, to make the revision an absolutely true and correct record of the Ordinances of the City up to and including Ordinance No. 2478; *second*, to so arrange and index them as to render it a very easy matter to find any desired Ordinance or part of Ordinance.

In the matter of arrangement I have departed somewhat from the ordinary method and believe it will be found more than ordinarily convenient for reference.

L. W. ROYS.

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North Street in Byrd's Addition be and the name thereof is hereby fixed as "Court E."

SEC. 2. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved January 12, 1905.

ORDINANCE NO. 2284.

An ordinance defining who are disorderly persons and to provide for their punishment, and repealing Ordinances No. 2 N. T., No. 3 N. T., No. 4 O. T., No. 5 O. T., No. 91, No. 134, No. 968, No. 1366, No. 1574 and all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

Be it ordained by the City of Tacoma:

SECTION 1. That the following persons are hereby declared to be disorderly persons:

All persons found intoxicated in any public place in the City of Tacoma.

All persons fighting or quareling in any public place in the City of Tacoma.

All persons who shall resist any peace officer or policeman, or who shall refuse, when called upon, to assist him in the discharge of his duty, or who shall aid or assist any person in the custody of such peace officer upon charge of a violation of any ordinance of the City of Tacoma to escape from such custody.

All persons who shall by noisy, riotous, or tumultuous conduct disturb the quiet and peace of said City, or of any meeting or assemblage therein.

All persons who shall use any vulgar, profane or obscene language or conduct in any public place in said City.

All persons who shall be guilty of fast or immoderate driving or riding of horses in any of the streets, highways or alleys of said City; or who shall ride or drive upon any sidewalk, except at the proper street crossing, or who shall obstruct any sidewalk, street, highway or alley in said City in any manner; provided, however, that the provisions of this section, prohibiting fast or immoderate driving or riding of horses shall not apply to South Yakima Avenue between South Thirteenth Street and South Twenty-sixth Street, but no one shall be permitted to speed any horse or horses on said avenue between said streets in a reckless or wanton manner and no one shall speed any horse or horses on said avenue between said streets except when going in a southerly direction from South Thirteenth Street towards South Twenty-sixth Street, and then on the right hand side of said avenue,

and not closer than ten feet to the center line thereof, and then only with due regard to the rights of the public in the general use of said avenue.

All persons who shall willfully break, impair, injure or deface any building, fence, awning, window, sign, signboard, tree, shrubbery or other ornamental thing in said City.

All persons who shall remove from or pile up before any door or on any sidewalk or street, boxes, casks or other things for the purpose of annoyance or mischief or who shall willfully tear down, destroy or mutilate any notice or handbill lawfully posted up in said City.

All persons (except police officers and other persons whose duty it is to execute process or warrants or make arrests) who shall carry upon their persons any concealed weapons, consisting of a revolver, pistol or other firearms (except by written permit from the Chief of Police) or any knife (other than an ordinary pocket knife) or any dirk or dagger, sling shot or metal knuckles or any instrument by the use of which injury can be inflicted upon the person or property of any other persons.

All persons (except peace officers as aforesaid) who shall draw, exhibit or attempt to use any deadly weapon upon, to or against another person within said City with intent to do bodily injury to such person.

All persons (except peace officers as aforesaid and persons practicing at target shooting in a shooting gallery, duly licensed) who shall in the City limits fire off or discharge any gun or pistol or firearm of any kind, or bomb.

Every person who solicits alms as a business.

Every common prostitute or female person who practices prostitution as a business and has sexual intercourse with men for hire.

Every male person who lewdly or viciously associates or cohabits with any common prostitute.

Every male person who lives in whole or in part upon the earnings of a common prostitute.

Every person, male or female, who procures, as a business, persons of the opposite sex to meet for the practice of prostitution.

Every lewd woman who loiters in or about saloons or other public place where intoxicating liquors are sold or otherwise disposed of, making a business of drinking with men and soliciting them to purchase and drink intoxicating liquors.

Every idle person who is found indiscriminately associating with drunken men in such a manner as to create a reasonable suspicion that his purpose is theft or robbery.

Every person who shall operate or cause to be operated any gaming apparatus or device whereby money may be lost or won.

Every professional gambler or persons who make a business of playing at games of chance for profit.

Every person engaged in buncoing or swindling games and devices for the purpose of swindling and defrauding others.

Any person or persons who shall smoke or inhale opium or who shall visit any place for the purpose of smoking or inhaling opium, or who frequents any place where opium is smoked or inhaled.

Any person or persons who shall keep a house, cellar or any other place in which such person or persons or any other person or persons smoke or inhale opium.

SEC. 2. The Chief of Police and the policemen and watchmen shall each and all of them have power and are hereby authorized at any and all times to arrest or cause to be arrested with or without process or warrant, any disorderly person or persons found by him or them committing any misdemeanor, as defined in Section 1 of this ordinance.

SEC. 3. Any person so arrested shall be forthwith taken before any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction of municipal offences in said City, and in case such Justice cannot be found or the arrest is made in the night time, then the officer arresting such person may detain him in his custody, or commit him to some place for keeping until such Justice can be found, when said offender shall be immediately taken before such Justice, to be dealt with as in this ordinance provided.

SEC. 4. It shall not be necessary, in order to prove the guilt of any person or persons keeping a house or other place for smoking or inhaling opium, that any one should be found smoking or inhaling therein, but the finding of the pipes, opium or other appliances used for the purpose of smoking or inhaling opium therein, shall be deemed sufficient evidence of the violation of this ordinance; nor shall it be deemed necessary, in order to prove the guilt or to convict any person or persons of smoking or inhaling opium, that they shall be found in the act of smoking or inhaling, but evidence that such person or persons were found in such house or other place in possession of opium, opium pipes or under the influence of opium shall be deemed sufficient evidence for conviction.

SEC. 5. The Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction of municipal offences shall have power and it shall be his duty in cases of persons brought before him, charged with being disorderly persons, to proceed summarily to try such persons and to hear and determine the alleged offence or charge against them.

SEC. 6. Every person enumerated and described in Section 1 of this ordinance, is a disorderly person and shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by a fine in any sum less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment, and such persons so convicted shall stand committed until such fine and costs are paid.

SEC. 7. When any person is found guilty of carrying any knife, gun, pistol, dirk, metal knuckle, sling shot, etc., and having the same in their possession, and any person arrested for smoking or inhaling opium and having any pipes, opium or other equipment for opium smoking in his possession, the police shall confiscate such articles.

SEC. 8. That Ordinances No. 2 N. T., No. 3 N T., No. 4 O. T., No. 5 O. T., No. 91, No. 134, No. 968, No. 1366, No. 1574 and all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Provided that nothing in this ordinance contained shall affect any right, action, suit or other proceedings heretofore commenced and now pending in any Court of Justice for the punishment of offences against or in violation of the provisions of the ordinances hereby repealed.

Approved January 26, 1905.

ORDINANCE NO. 2285.

An ordinance establishing grades of certain streets and avenues in the City of Tacoma, and repealing all prior grade ordinances, excepting only Ordinances Numbered 787 and 1397.

Be it ordained by the City of Tacoma:

SECTION 1. The gutter grades of "A" Street shall be as follows:

	Feet.
At its intersection with South Eighth Street.....	127.
At its intersection with South Ninth Street.....	123.
At its intersection with South Tenth Street.....	117.2
At its intersection with South Eleventh Street.....	105.
At its intersection with South Twelfth Street.....	94.5
At its intersection with South Thirteenth Street.....	83.