

Madison and Charters.

CHARTER
AND
GENERAL ORDINANCES
OF THE
CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN
TOGETHER WITH THE
Rules of Order of the Common Council
AND A COMPLETE
List of the Officers of the City
FROM 1856-1917, INCLUSIVE

BOARD OF EDUCATION
1905-1917

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AN ORDINANCE

To Revise the General Ordinances of the City of Madison

The Common Council of the City of Madison do ordain as follows:

CHAPTER I

CONSTRUCTION AND EFFECT OF ORDINANCES AND THEIR PUBLICATION

Effect of Repeal. SECTION 1. When any ordinance repealing a former ordinance, clause or provision, shall be itself repealed, such repeal shall not be construed to revive such former ordinance, clause or provision, unless it shall be expressly so provided.

Construction. SECTION 2. Every word in any ordinance importing the masculine gender, shall extend to and be applied to females as well as males; and every word importing the singular number only, shall extend and be applied to several persons or things as well as to one person or thing; and every word importing the plural number only, shall extend and be applied to one person or thing as well as to several persons or things; and the word "person" shall extend and be applied to a partnership or corporation as well as an individual; provided, that these rules of construction shall not be applied to any ordinance which shall contain any express provision excluding such construction, or when the subject matter or context of such ordinance may be repugnant thereto.

Construction—Reasonable Time or Notice. SECTION 3. In all cases where any ordinance shall require any act to be done in a reasonable time or reasonable notice to be given, such reasonable time or notice shall be deemed to mean such time only as may be necessary for the prompt performance of such duty, or compliance with such notice.

CHAPTER XXII

OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY

Report of Sale of Firearms. SECTION 1. (1) Every person, firm, association or corporation engaged in the business of selling firearms at retail in the city of Madison, shall at the close of business on each day during which any such person, firm, association or corporation shall sell any firearms, make a report to the chief of police, giving a brief description of each firearm sold and the name and address of the purchaser.

(2) The city clerk shall provide suitable forms-upon which such reports may be made, which shall be furnished upon request to persons, firms, associations or corporations engaged in selling firearms at retail in the city of Madison.

Regulate Carrying of Weapons. SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, except policemen or any officer authorized to serve process, to carry or wear concealed about his person, any pistol or revolver, slung shot, cross-knuckles, knuckles of lead, brass or other metal, or bowie knife, dirk knife, or dirk or dagger, or any other dangerous or deadly weapon, within the limits of the city of Madison; provided, however, that the chief of police of said city may, upon any written application to him made, issue and give a written permit to any person residing within the city of Madison to carry within the said city, for reasonable length of time, to be specified in the permit, a pistol or revolver when it is made to appear to said chief of police that it is necessary for the personal safety of such person or for the safety of his property or for the property with which he may be entrusted, to carry such weapon; and the holding of such permit by such person shall be a bar to prosecution under this section. Said chief of police shall keep the names and residences of all persons to whom he may grant such permits in a book, to be kept for that purpose, and he shall have power to revoke such permit at any time.

Said chief of police shall, upon granting each and every such permit, collect from the person to whom the same is granted, the sum of one dollar, and he shall pay all moneys so collected by him, upon granting such permits, into the city treasury.

Any person who shall violate the provisions of this section, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

Discharging of Fire-Arms and Explosives—Burning of Inflammable Matter. SECTION 3. No person shall fire or discharge any cannon, or fire arm of any description, or any air gun, or fire, explode, or set off any squib, cracker or other thing containing powder, or other combustible or explosive material without written permission of the mayor or chief of police, which permission shall limit the time of such firing,

and shall be subject to be revoked by the common council. No person shall set fire any grass, leaves or any other inflammable material, or suffer or permit the same to be done, unless the same may be ignited without danger of the spread of fire, and unless some competent person shall be in constant attendance from the time the same are ignited until the same are totally extinguished.

Sale of Toy Pistols and Firecrackers. SECTION 4. No person shall sell or place on sale, or give away or fire or explode any toy, cap or cartridge pistol or any fire cracker exceeding $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter and 2 inches in length; nor any so-called "dago bomb" or any similar bomb unless used for exhibition purposes and then only by an experienced agent.

Poison, Sale of. SECTION 5. No person shall knowingly vend, give away or deliver within this city, any deadly poison, unless the same be conspicuously labeled "poison".

To Prevent the Distribution of Powders, Lotions, Etc. SECTION 6. Any person, association or corporation, or the agent of any person or the agent or officer of an association or corporation, who shall throw or place on any street or other public place or distribute from house to house in the city, any powders, lotions or medicines, or any substances or things injurious to human life, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each offense.

Scaffolds—How Erected. SECTION 7. All scaffolds erected in this city for use in the erection of buildings, shall be well and safely supported, and of sufficient width and properly secured, so as to insure the safety of the persons working thereon, or passing under or by the same, against the falling thereof, or of such materials as may be used, placed or deposited thereon. Any scaffold erected or maintained contrary to the provisions hereof shall be deemed a nuisance, and any person who shall erect, or maintain the same, shall be subject to a fine of not less than five dollars, and not exceeding one hundred dollars, and to a like fine for every day the same shall remain after written notice by a police officer to remove the same.

Lamps on Bicycles. SECTION 8. Every bicycle, while in use after dark, shall be provided with a lamp or lantern which shall be kept lighted while the bicycle is so used.

Traffic Regulations. SECTION 9. (1) Vehicles in motion shall keep either to the right of the center of the street, or as near the right hand curb as possible, and where a street is improved with a parkway along the center with a roadway on each side thereof, vehicles shall travel the roadway on the right hand portion of the street in the direction in which the vehicles are proceeding.

(2) Vehicles moving slowly shall at all times keep as near the right curb as possible.

(3) Vehicles meeting shall pass each other on the right.

CHAPTER XXIV

MISCELLANEOUS

Duties of City Engineer. SECTION 1. (1) The city surveyor shall be the city engineer and in addition to any specific duties imposed by the general ordinances it shall be his duty as such city engineer to do all the engineering work for said city and for all its departments except the water department. All engineering records for the city and its several departments shall be kept by the city engineer in the city engineer's office, where and whenever necessary copies of any such records shall be furnished to any department by the engineering department. It shall be his duty also, to furnish to the board of education, and the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive association, such engineering advice and services as said board or said association may from time to time through its authorized officers and officials, request.

(2) No other or additional engineering service shall be employed by any city department without consent duly obtained from the common council.

(3) All water and other public service mains shall be laid to a line and grade given or approved by the city engineer and the laying of mains, location of valves and hydrants shall be directed or approved by the city engineer.

(4) The city engineer shall have power to engage such office and other assistance as he shall deem necessary, subject to the approval of the common council.

Membership of the Board of Review. SECTION 2. Whereas section 1060 of the revised statutes of Wisconsin provides that in cities the board of review shall consist of the mayor, clerk and such other officer or officers, other than assessors, as the common council of each city shall by ordinance determine; now therefore, it is hereby ordained that the board of review of the city of Madison, shall until otherwise directed by the council, consist of the mayor and city clerk and one alderman, to be chosen by the common council at the annual meeting.

Assistant City Assessor. SECTION 3. That the city assessor be and hereby is authorized and empowered to hire and employ clerical assistance at such times and for such periods in each year as he may deem necessary. That such assistance shall be paid out of the general funds of the city of Madison upon duly certified certificates of the city assessor as to the number of days such assistant was so employed and the amounts due; provided however that the total amount to be allowed and paid for such assistance shall not exceed the sum provided in the budget therefor and the same shall not be paid until approved by the common council.

CHAPTER XXV

Of the Repeal of Certain Ordinances. SECTION 1. All ordinances and parts of ordinances, contravening or inconsistent with the foregoing ordinances, are hereby repealed.

Enacting Clause. SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved June 26th, A. D. 1917.

GEO. C. SAYLE,
Mayor.

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the common council of the city of Madison, Wisconsin, on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1917.

O. S. NORSMAN,
City Clerk.