

# ORDINANCES

OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF CHARLESTON,

IN THE STATE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA,  
PASSED SINCE THE INCORPORATION OF THE CITY,  
*Collected and Revised pursuant to a Resolution of the Council.*

By **ALEXANDER EDWARDS.**

*The Corporation consisting at the time of the collection of the Ordinances, of the following Members:*

INTENDANT,

**JOHN WARD, Esquire.**

WARDENS.

Ward No. 1. THOMAS SOMARSALL,  
2. JOHN DAWSON, jun,  
3. THOMAS WINSTANLEY,  
4. THOMAS MORRIS,  
5. MORTON WARING,  
6. WILLIAM S. SMITH,  
7. JOHN GEDDES,

Ward No. 8. JAMES M. WARD,  
9. R. D. LAWRENCE,  
10. ISAAC PARKER,  
11. DAVID DEAS,  
12. LANGDON CHEVES,  
13. BENJAMIN BOYD.

ALEXANDER EDWARDS, Recorder. WILLIAM ROACH, City Treasurer. G. M.  
BOUNETHEAU, Clerk of the City Council. JERVIS HENRY STEVENS, City  
Sheriff. STEPHEN SEYMOUR, Harbour-Master.

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED.

THE ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR INCORPORATING THE CITY, AND  
THE SUBSEQUENT ACTS TO EXPLAIN AND AMEND THE SAME.

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CHARLESTON:

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one shilling per diem, for dieting and lodging negro slaves; and the sum of one shilling and six pence per diem, for dieting and lodging all such persons as are by law entitled to bread and meat, viz. seamen, apprentices, free negroes, free mulattoes, and free mustizoes.

II. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That the said master of the work-house, shall not, for the future, be compelled to receive any state prisoners, or criminals, confined for breach of any state law, unless committed by the intendant or one of the wardens; but that it shall be at his option whether to receive them or not; and in case of his receiving such, that he shall look to the state alone for compensation.

III. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That the said master of the work-house be, and he is hereby authorized, to demand and receive from the owners or masters of slaves, one shilling and two pence on each slave for putting on irons, and one shilling and two pence for taking them off; provided it is done by the owner's or master's request, or such criminals as necessity requires to be put in irons; and all and singular the clauses respecting the fees of the master of the work-house, for dieting and confining prisoners, &c. of an ordinance ratified in city council, August six, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, shall be, and they are hereby repealed.

IV. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That this ordinance shall be and remain of force for one year after the ratification thereof, and no longer.\*

*Ratified in City Council, this 18th day of June, 1796,*

*John Edwards, Intendant.*

\* This ordinance revived and amended, by ordinance No. 165.

CXLV.

**An Ordinance** to revise and amend an Ordinance respecting Fires in the City of Charleston, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

I. **BE** it ordained by the Intendant and Wardens of Charleston, in City Council assembled, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, That there shall be chosen by ballot, in the city council, on the last Monday in

Thirteen fire-masters to be chosen on the last Monday in October in every year; who are to execute all the powers and authorities as such, respecting the management and direction of fire engines, and to procure fire hooks and forks, buckets, ladders, ropes, &c. Refusal to serve as a fire-master after being elected; penalty in that case.

Not obliged to serve more than 1 year in 7.

A company of axe-men to be raised.

Who are to be subject to the order of the wardens.

To be exempt from militia duty.

Each ward to have a fire hook, ladder and rope.

in October, in every year, if their should be a council, if not, then on the first council thereafter, thirteen fire-masters,\* who shall have and execute all the powers and authorities herein mentioned; as also, to make all such regulations, respecting the management and direction of the fire-engines, as to them shall appear necessary, to be approved of by the city council; and to procure as many fire hooks and forks, buckets, house ladders, and ropes, as they may deem sufficient, and to have them branded or marked, with the city mark, C. C. T. which shall be deposited in all such places, as the fire-masters in their discretion shall think proper, notifying the same to the citizens; and the said fire-masters, shall also have the appointment of managers to the several engines, fire hooks, ladders, &c. whose names shall be returned to the city council; and shall order and direct the enrollment of such a number of able hands, as may be necessary for the working of each engine; and if any person shall, after he is chosen a fire-master, refuse, or neglect, to take upon himself the said office, or having taken upon him the said office, shall refuse, or neglect, to comply with the duties required by this ordinance, every such person, shall forfeit and pay, for every such refusal, or neglect, the sum of fifty dollars.†

II. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That no person shall be obliged to serve more than one year, in any term of seven years, in any office therein appointed.

III. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That there shall be immediately raised, and at all times hereafter kept up, a company of axe-men, consisting of a foreman and two assistants, with forty-seven privates. And as soon as this company of men are associated for this purpose, they shall and may elect their own officers, and agree on some simple uniform adapted to their employment; they shall and may also make such rules and regulations for their government as they shall think proper: *Provided,* that the said company shall at all times of fire, be subject to the command of the wardens and fire-masters, or any three or more of them, and that their rules and regulations shall be subject to the revival and correction of the board of fire-masters. And the city council pledge themselves to endeavour to obtain from the legislature, at their next session, and in the interim, from the commanding officer of the city, an exemption from militia duty on ordinary occasions, for all such as shall enroll themselves for the formation of the said company, and upon condition only, that they shall supply themselves with a sufficient axe and saw, in lieu of fire arms.

IV. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That each ward shall be furnished, as soon as possible, with a fire hook, ladder and rope, which shall be committed to the wardens of each ward respectively; and it shall be their duty, whenever a fire breaks out, to repair to the place of the fire with their

\* Number of fire Masters increased, see Ordinance No. 167—Ratified 21st November, 1798.

† The Penalty exceeding twenty dollars cannot be recovered in court of wardens.

their respective hooks, ladders and ropes; and they are hereby authorized and empowered to select and enroll in their respective wards, two white men, to assist them in transporting their respective hooks, ladders and ropes, to the place of the fire.

V. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the fire-masters to enter into the houses, out-houses, stables and yards of every owner or tenant of the same in Charleston, wherever they shall see occasion, and enquire, search, and examine if any quantities of gun-powder, hay, straw, fodder, pitch, tar, rosin, turpentine, hemp, oil, tallow, or other combustible matter, are lodged in any such place within the said city, which may be in danger of taking fire; and if the said fire-masters, shall find there is apparent danger that fire may be communicated by such combustibles, they shall admonish the owner or tenant of such house or houses, to remove the same; and in case such person or persons shall refuse or neglect to remove the same, within twelve hours from such notice being given, the said fire-masters are hereby empowered, and directed, to cause the same to be removed and lodged in some more secure place, at the charge of such owner or tenant, and shall issue a warrant, under the hands and seals of any three, or more of them, and levy the expenses of the same and fine of thirty dollars\* for every such offence.

Fire-masters empowered to enter any premises, to search for and remove all combustibles.

VI. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That the said fire-masters shall have power to examine into the situation of any chimney or other fire place in Charleston; and if they, or any three of them, shall think the same dangerous to the neighbourhood, or that fire may be communicated thereby, they or any three of them, are hereby empowered and required to order the same to be pulled down, altered or removed immediately; and in case the owner or tenant shall refuse or neglect to alter, remove, or pull down the same, the fire-masters, or any three of them shall cause the same to be altered, removed, or pulled down, at the expense of such owner or tenant, and shall issue their warrant, under the hands and seals of any three or more of them, and levy the expenses of the same, and a fine of nine dollars for every such refusal or neglect; and any three or more of the fire-masters, are hereby authorized and empowered, to assess a fine on each and every owner or tenant of any house, whose chimney shall take fire and blaze out at top, in any sum not less than twenty-five dollars,\* or more than eighty-five dollars.\*

Chimnies found to be dangerous to be altered or removed at the owner's expense.

Fine for a chimney taking fire.

VII. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That the fire-masters are hereby required, once in every three months, to have the several engines played off, and the persons enrolled to work the engines shall be paid fifty cents each, if a white man, and if a slave, the sum of twenty-five cents, each and every time such engines are carried out to the public wells and played off, to keep them in order: and in time of fire, the said persons, if a white man, shall be paid the sum of fifty cents, and if a slave, twenty-five cents each,

Engines to be played off every three months.

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for every hour they shall be employed in working the engines. And for the further encouragement of the persons enrolled under the managers of engines, and those attached to their engines, to be active in carrying the said engines to extinguish fires, that over and above the aforesaid wages allowed them for that service, a reward of twenty dollars for the first, twelve dollars for the second, and eight dollars for the third engine arriving, filled, and ready to discharge on said fire when directed, shall be given them; and in case any dispute shall arise, concerning which engine was first carried to the place where the fire broke out, the same shall be determined by the fire-masters aforesaid; and the intendant is hereby directed, on the petition, or petitions, producing such certificate to him, to order the aforesaid sum or gratuity to be paid by the treasurer of the city.

Reward for 1st, 2d, and 3d engines at a fire.

VIII

Engines, buckets, &c. to be deposited in secure places.

And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid, That the managers of the engines, after they have played off their engines as aforesaid, or after any fire shall be extinguished, shall secure and deposit their engines and buckets; and the persons appointed to have the care and management of the fire hooks, ladders, axes, and ropes, do secure and deposit the several articles entrusted to their charge, in such places as shall be appointed by the fire-masters, under the penalty of being obliged to replace the article so lost or damaged by their neglect, and a fine of four dollars. And if any person, or persons, shall detain or secrete any buckets, axe, or other public articles, he, she, or they, shall forfeit and pay a fine of nine dollars for each bucket, axe, or article so detained or secreted.

Fine for buckets, &c. detained or secreted.

IX. And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid, That the fire-masters are hereby required and authorized to have sunk such a number of deep and large wells, in the most public and necessary parts of the city, as they shall judge expedient, and to fill up such as they find insufficient and useless; *Provided*, That the same be approved of by the city council; and to examine, and see that the several pumps and public wells of this city are kept constantly in compleat repair.

Wells to be sunk.

Proviso.

X. And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid, That in case a fire shall happen, or break out in Charleston, in the night time, the commanding officer of the city-guard, for the time being, shall cause the inhabitants of the city to be alarmed and raised by the beat of drum, ringing of bells, or otherwise, and the intendant and wardens of the city, shall assemble at the fire with their staves, by which they may be distinguished, to be in readiness to give directions for the speedy removal of the goods of such of the inhabitants as may be endangered by such fire, to confer with the fire-masters, and to command that order and regularity, which is so necessary in time of fire; and the fire-masters and their assistants, shall likewise attend such fires with their usual fire staves; and the constables of the city are hereby directed to assemble at said fire, to be ready to receive such orders and directions as they shall receive from time to time, during the said fire, from the intendant or any of the wardens;

Alarm of fire to be given by beat of drum, &c.

City officers to assemble at the fire.

wardens; and in case any of the constables of the city shall be absent from any fire within the said city, or shall come without his staff, and cannot shew a reasonable and sufficient excuse to the court of wardens, every constable, for every such offence, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding nine dollars, to be recovered before the court of wardens.

*Fine on constables for neglecting to attend.*

XI. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for either, or any of the said fire-masters, or managers of fire-engines, or their assistants, to command any person or persons whatsoever, when any fire breaks out, to aid and assist in conveying the engines and buckets to the place or places where the fire shall be; and in case any person or persons shall wilfully and obstinately refuse the same, or neglect to give reasonable aid and assistance, in any manner or way whatever, tending to the extinguishment of the fire, removal of rubbish or property of any kind whatsoever, when commanded by the said fire-masters, or any of them; and any person or persons who shall abuse, oppose, molest, or make use of any opprobrious language, or obstruct the said fire-masters, or any of them, or any person or persons that shall be directed by them, or the intendant, or any of the wardens, in the execution of their duty, or persons assisting in extinguishing the said fire, or removing the goods and effects of the citizens endangered by the fire, to such places of safety as aforesaid, or who shall oppose the guard, or fire-company, having charge of such goods and effects; he she, or they, shall forfeit a fine not exceeding forty-five dollars\* for each and every offence as aforesaid, and on conviction, the clerk of the court shall publish the same with the party's name at least once in the city gazette.

*Managers of engines authorized to require the assistance of any person to convey the engines, &c.*

*Fines for refusing assistance, and for opposing fire-masters, intendant or wardens, &c.*

XII. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That a majority, or any three of the fire masters, or in their absence, any two fire-masters, with one or more wardens; or where no fire-masters are at hand any three or more wardens, present at any fire, shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to give directions, and to command any person, or persons, to pull down or blow up any house or houses, or other buildings, as may be judged necessary to be pulled down or blown up, for the preventing the farther spreading of the fire.

*Fire-masters or wardens authorized to pull down or blow up houses.*

XIII. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That such fire-companies as are, or may be formed for the express purpose of removing the goods and effects of the citizens, which shall be endangered by the fire, to such places of safety as are herein directed, may be distinguished and known in time of fire, each and every member of the said companies shall wear some distinguishing mark, as may be agreed on by themselves. And the said companies, formed as aforesaid, shall, immediately upon the breaking out of any fire in any part of the city, proceed to the same, in order to remove the goods and effects of the persons endangered, to the places hereinafter mentioned, which are hereby appointed and reserved as a deposit for the goods and

*Fire companies to have a distinguishing mark.*

*To remove effects to the several places of deposit.*

\* The penalty cannot now be recovered in court of wardens.

and other effects saved from the fire, viz. The several markets—the first floor of the exchange—the state-house yard—the several places of worship, and their burial grounds. And the persons having charge of the aforesaid places are requested to direct, on the alarm of fire, that the doors and gates be immediately thrown open for the reception of said goods and effects. And the persons so composing the fire-companies, are hereby likewise required to obey such further directions as they shall, from time to time, receive from the intendant or any of the wardens.

The governor to be requested to fix the number and post the troops to be under arms at a fire

XIV. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That to prevent, as much as may be, the great confusion which may arise from too many men being under arms at the time of fire, it shall be the duty of the intendant to request of the governor, or commander of the militia for the time being, to fix the number of men necessary to be under arms in time of fire, by a routine, once in every three months, who shall be posted in such positions as may be most conducive to the protection of the property of the inhabitants of this city.

Unlawful for persons to ride on horseback at a fire. Excepting the governor, general officers, &c.

XV. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever, to be riding through the streets or lanes, in which the inhabitants are assembled for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, except the governor and general officers, with their suits, and the commanding and staff officers of the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth regiments of militia, and the battalion of artillery. And should any person or persons, not of the above description, as herein excepted, attempt to ride along, or through the lanes or streets in which persons are assembled for the purpose of extinguishment of the fire (unless in the act of removing of property) and not return, dismount and assist, when thereunto required by the fire-masters, the intendant, or any of the wardens, shall, on conviction of refusal, or neglect to comply with the spirit of this ordinance, forfeit any sum not exceeding fifty dollars,\* for every offence so committed.

Every house to be supplied with buckets.

XVI. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That within six months from and after the passing of this ordinance, every house within the limits and jurisdiction of the city, occupied and tenanted, shall be supplied with buckets, at the expense of the owners of said premises, to the number of at least the number of fire places on the same. And the said buckets shall be equal in goodness and size to those procured for the use of the city, and painted, on which shall also be painted, in visible characters, the name of the owner to whom said buckets belong. And in case the owner of any house or tenement, should refuse, or neglect, to have the said buckets supplied, agreeable to the tenor and spirit of this ordinance, it shall and may be lawful for the tenant to procure the same, deducting it out of his rent.

Tenants to provide buckets, if neglected by the owner.

Each warden to go through his

And furthermore, it shall be the duty of the wardens, each to go through his ward, at least once in every three months, and examine the state of the buckets  
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\* Penalty cannot now be recovered in Court of Wardens.

in each house, and in case of deficiency, to have the delinquent before the next court of wardens, where, on conviction, he shall be fined two dollars for every bucket he is short of the number required by this ordinance. And also, no person shall make use of any bucket so procured, for any other purpose but that of extinguishing fire, under the penalty of one dollar for each and every offence. And in case any person, or persons, shall wilfully detain or secrete from the lawful owner, any bucket procured as aforesaid, he, she, or they, shall, on conviction, forfeit the sum of nine dollars for every fire bucket so detained or secreted.

ward and examine the buckets.

Buckets not be used except at a fire.

Penalty for secreting buckets.

XVII. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That every owner of a wooden house or houses, or brick or stone houses, covered with wood, occupied as dwelling houses or kitchens, shall, within six months after the publication hereof, provide the same with a sufficient ladder, or have a scuttle or door cut through the roof of such house or houses, large enough for a man to pass through conveniently, under the pain of forfeiting ten dollars.

Owners of houses to have a ladder or scuttle.

XVIII. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the city scavenger, on the breaking out of any fire, to order the public carts to the different places, where buckets, fire hooks, ladders and ropes are kept, and to have the same conveyed to such place or places as may be directed; and after the said fire is extinguished, shall repair in like manner with the carts, and collect all the fire-buckets, hooks, ladders and ropes, and have them conveyed to such place or places as the fire-masters may direct.

Public carts, to convey buckets, &c. to the fire.

XIX. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That all persons whatsoever, who shall do or execute any matter or thing for the preventing or extinguishing of fires, or in removing the goods and effects of the citizens endangered thereby, to such places of safety as is herein directed, in obedience or in pursuance of this ordinance, or the commands or directions of the fire-masters, or the intendant, or any of the wardens, are hereby indemnified and saved harmless against all and every person or persons whatsoever.

Persons acting in obedience to this ordinance, to be indemnified.

XX. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That whereas it is necessary to procure new engines, buckets and other implements for the extinguishment of fire, the sum of eight thousand dollars shall be, and is hereby appropriated for that purpose; which it being inconvenient to pay out of the treasury at present, the tax of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven is hereby bound for the same.

Eight thousand dollars to be appropriated for purchasing engines, &c.

XXI. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That the fire-masters do, and they are hereby authorized to borrow on loan from such citizens as are disposed to lend the same, any sum or sums of money, so as the aggregate does not exceed the amount of eight thousand dollars; for which sum or sums, so borrowed, they shall issue receipts or certificates signed by any three of them, and countersigned by the intendant; which receipt

Fire-masters authorized to borrow money.

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Fire-masters to procure fire imple-  
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or certificate shall specify the sum borrowed, agreeable to the tenor of this ordinance, to be paid for, or discounted in the taxes to be received for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven. And the said fire-masters shall, without delay, or waiting for the whole loan being compleat, proceed on and procure what implements the city is in want of, towards the extinguishment of fire, so far as their present or expected funds may go. And the said fire-masters shall, when their subscription list is compleat (or finished as far as they may expect) return a fair copy of the same, with the list of certificates granted, to the treasurer of the city, who is hereby authorized and directed to receive the same in discount, or pay out of the first monies arising from the tax of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

No pitch, tar, &c. to be boiled within the city, or on the wharves, without permission.

XXII. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That if any person, or persons shall, after the first day of September next, boil any pitch, tar, rosin, or turpentine, within the city, or on any of the wharves, or low water lots (except they have previously erected such building, or in such places as are satisfactory to three or more of the fire-masters, and obtained permission for the same) on board of any vessel, or boat, which is not afloat at the time, he, she, or they, so offending, shall forfeit for every such offence, the sum of sixty dollars.\*

No gun-powder to be carried through the streets, without being covered.

XXIII. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to carry gun-powder, without a secure and proper covering, in any waggon, cart, dray or otherwise, through the streets, lanes, or wharves of this city; and any person or persons so offending, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding forty-five dollars.\*

Dealers in powder prohibited from keeping more than 38 pounds at a time. Penalty for having a greater quantity.

XXIV. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That no merchant, factor, retailer or dealer in powder, or any person or persons whatsoever within this city, shall retain, keep, or have in his, her, or their possession, at any one time, a greater quantity of gun-powder than thirty-eight pounds weight. And on any information given to the fire-masters, or the same coming by any means to the knowledge of them, of a greater quantity than thirty-eight pounds weight in the possession of, or within the inclosure or inclosures of any person or persons whatever, the said fire-masters are hereby required and directed to prosecute such person or persons so offending in the court of wardens, where, on conviction of the same, the party shall be fined in the sum of eighty-five dollars.\*

Stills and breweries prohibited.

XXV. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, within the limits of the city, to keep in his, her, or their out-houses, any still or stills exceeding ten gallons, or erect any brew-house or carry on any brewery. *Provided,* nothing contained in this ordinance, shall prevent the owners or proprietors of the distilleries, known by the names respectively (mentioned in a former ordinance) of Michael's, Lushington & Co's, Sarazin & Co's. in Hasell-street; Lawrence's, in Charles-

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Charles-street; Egan's, in Comyn's-street; Hornby's, in King-street; and Savage's, at the west end of Broad-street; or the owners and proprietors of the sugar-refining and baking houses at Savage's, at the west end of Broad-street; or the owners and proprietors of the brew-houses known by the name of Gaborial's, in Mazyck-street, and Egan's, in Comyn's-street; or their respective heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, from carrying on the business of distilling, sugar-refining, baking, or brewing within this city. *Provided also*, that the buildings necessary for carrying on the aforesaid trades shall be erected with brick or stone, and covered with tile or slate; and the aforesaid trades be carried on in the above-mentioned places, and no other whatsoever.

Excepting those which have been heretofore erected.

Proviso.

XXVI. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid*, That no more than six stills, including the rectifier, shall be allowed to be made use of, or erected in any of the distilleries before mentioned; and no more than two pans shall be allowed to the sugar-baking or refining houses before mentioned. And if any of the owners or proprietors of any of the aforesaid distilleries, or sugar-baking, or refining houses, shall erect or employ any more than the aforesaid number of stills or pans respectively limited as aforesaid, he, she, or they, shall forfeit and pay the sum of eighty-five dollars\* for each and every information and conviction of having or keeping erected, or employed, each and every such still or pan. And it shall not be lawful for bakers of bread to carry on their trade within the city, unless their bake-houses shall be built and paved with brick or stone, covered with tile or slate, or their situation should be so remote, and attended with such security to the adjacent buildings, as to be approved of by the fire-masters, or any of them, under the penalty of eighty-five dollars\* for each and every offence.

Number of stills and pans allowed to each distillery and sugar house.

Penalty for employing more.

Bake-houses how to be built.

XXVII. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid*, That any person or persons who shall carry on the trade or occupation of tallow chandler and soap-boiler, or either of them, in any house or houses, shed or other building, within the city of Charleston, except in such house, or houses, as are built of brick or stone, and covered with slate or tile, and floored or paved with brick, stone, or earth, and also have a license, signed by the intendant, for carrying on such trade and occupation, in such house and street, as shall be therein described, first being examined and certified by the fire-masters, shall forfeit and pay any sum not less than ten dollars, nor exceeding eighty-five dollars,\* for each and every offence, to be recovered in the court of wardens, on due proof thereof being made to the satisfaction of the court; one half to the informer, the other half to the use of the city.†

Tallow chandlers and soap boilers to have their buildings of brick, &c.

XXVIII. *And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid*, That an ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance for preventing as much as may be, accidents which may happen by fire, in Charleston, for preserving the fire engines

Former ordinances repealed.

\* The penalties exceeding twenty dollars cannot now be recovered in court of wardens.

† For further powers of fire-masters, see ordinance No. 184.

gines in the said city, and for rendering the same as useful as may be, in case of fire, and for other purposes therein mentioned," ratified in city council, the eighth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one; also, all other ordinances respecting fires in Charleston; and also, the third clause of an ordinance, entitled, "An Ordinance for the better ordering and regulating soap-boilers and tallow-chandlers within the city, and repealing so much of the ordinance as prohibits the carrying on such trades and occupations," ratified in city council, the twenty-ninth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

*Ratified in City Council, this 29th day of July, 1796.*

*John Edwards, Intendant.*

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CXLVI.

**An Ordinance** to prohibit the keeping of  
Billiard Tables in the City of Charleston,  
and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS, it has been found by experience, that permitting billiard tables to be kept in the city, at which tables gaming in various ways are carried on to such excess, as not only to injure many in their fortunes, but has a tendency to corrupt the morals of our citizens:

No licenses for  
billiard tables to  
be hereafter  
granted.

*I. Be it therefore ordained by the Intendant and Wardens of Charleston, in City Council assembled, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same,* That from and immediately after the passing of this ordinance, no license for any billiard table or tables within this city, shall be granted to any person or persons whomsoever, within the parishes of St. Philip and St. Michael.

Billiard tables  
kept contrary to  
the act of the  
legislature, to be  
forfeited, &c.

*II. And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid,* That from and immediately after the passing of this ordinance, if any person or persons shall set up, or keep set up, any billiard table or tables, not licensed agreeably to the act of the legislature, within his, her, or their house, out-house, apartments or places whatsoever, within the parishes of St. Philip and St. Michael, every such billiard table or tables so kept, together with all the balls, maces, and queus, thereunto belonging, are hereby declared to be forfeited in addition to the other penalties heretofore declared by law.

III.