

THE
REVISED LAWS
OF THE
CITY OF NASHVILLE,

WITH THE VARIOUS ACTS OF INCORPORATION AND LAWS APPLICABLE TO
THE TOWN AND CITY OF NASHVILLE, AND A LIST OF THE DIFFERENT
BOARDS OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN, AND OTHER OFFICERS OF
SAID CITY FROM THE YEAR 1806 TO 1850, INCLUSIVE.

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violating the provisions of this act, shall be subject to a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than two dollars, suit to be brought in the name and for the use of the corporation of the town of Nashville, before any jurisdiction having cognizance thereof.

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CHAPTER VI.

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SEC. 1. *Be it it enacted by the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Nashville,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons without the consent of the City Council to erect within this city any wooden building, the dimensions of which shall exceed eight feet square and twelve feet in height, or to make of wood any additions to or extensions of any wooden building or build-

ings in this city, or to remove any wooden building to or on any lot in said city. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this act shall forfeit and pay for the use of the city the sum of five dollars for each and every day until such building or buildings or the addition thereto or extension are torn down or removed.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted*, That whenever it appears to the City Council that it would be greatly to the safety of the city that any wooden building now erected, or that may hereafter be erected according to the first section of this act, should be removed or torn down, it shall be the duty of the Mayor to appoint one disinterested freeholder and the owner of the house another, who may choose a third and their award shall be paid to the owner or owners of said building before the removal of the same, and if the owner or owners of said building refuse to appoint an arbitrator, the Mayor may appoint three freeholders whose award shall be paid as aforesaid.

SEC. 3. *Be it enacted*, That any building hereafter erected, having more wood on the outside of the building than that required for door and window frames, roof, eaves, cornices, doors, shutters, sash, porticos and wooden steps, shall constitute and be deemed a wooden building, and subject to the penalties imposed by this act.

SEC. 4. *Be it enacted*, That all buildings of brick or stone erected in this city adjoining or contiguous to any other building or buildings, shall be finished with parapet or fire walls on the gable ends and dividing walls, or shall be so covered with slate or stone, tin or copper, as to break the communication from one roof to another.

SEC. 5. *Be it enacted*, That whenever any brick or stone building already erected shall be newly roofed or covered, when said building is adjoining or contiguous to any other building, it shall be finished with parapet or fire walls, or covered with slate or stone, tin or copper, as new buildings are directed to be done by the preceding section of this act.

SEC. 6. *Be it enacted*, That every person or persons offending against the provisions of the fourth and fifth sections of this act shall forfeit and pay a fine of one hundred dollars, and the

further sum of ten dollars for each and every month thereafter, until the provisions of said sections of this act be complied with.

SEC. 7. *Be it enacted*, That it shall not be lawful to make, or cause to be made any fire for the purpose of smoking or causing to be smoked any bacon or other meat, in any warehouse or other building, except houses built expressly for that purpose, or made secure so as not to endanger the adjoining property. And any person offending against the provisions of this section, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars for each and every day the practice shall be continued.

SEC. 8. *Be it enacted*, That no person or persons shall be permitted to hang or place any lamp or light, as a sign or otherwise, on the outside of any wooden building, unless such lamp or light be well secured and placed at the distance of two feet six inches from any such wooden building; and any person or persons offending against the provisions of this section, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars for each and every offence.

SEC. 9. *Be it enacted*, That no person shall erect any chimney or stove within the corporation in such a manner as the smoke thereof shall annoy any neighbor, or the citizens in passing. And upon complaint of any two citizens thereof, to the Mayor and Aldermen, who shall, at their discretion, order the same to be altered or removed; and if any person shall refuse or neglect to obey such order, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars, and the like sum for each and every week thereafter, until such order shall be obeyed; and no person shall erect a stove, and conduct the pipe thereof through the side or end of any building, unless the same be well secured for the purpose of preventing fire, under a penalty of forfeiting the sum of ten dollars, and shall forfeit and pay the same sum for each and every month thereafter until such pipe be removed.

SEC. 10. *Be it enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to keep any stable or other house, with hay, fodder, or hemp, or other combustible articles therein within the limits of the corporation open or exposed in any part thereof, so as to endanger the safety of buildings adjacent thereto; such person or persons thus offending, shall be subject to a penalty of twenty dollars, and twenty dollars for each five days thereafter, that it shall be permitted to be so exposed.

SEC. 11. *Be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall fire any gun or pistol, cast, throw, or fire any squib, rocket, cracker, or other combustible fire-works within the limits of the corporation, every such person, for every such offence, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars; and if a slave, he, she or they shall receive not less than five, nor more than twenty lashes; any person or persons shall vend, manufacture, give away, deal in or have in his possession any squib, rocket, cracker, powder, or other combustible fire-works within the limits of the corporation of Nashville for the purpose of disposing of the same to minors or slaves, every such person, for every such offence, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars.

SEC. 12. *Be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall carry a lighted candle or lamp into any stable, or make use of it at such stable, unless the same is secured in a tin, horn, wire or glass lantern, or shall keep ashes in barrels, boxes, or wooden vessels of any kind, in any dwelling house, warehouse, or other building, or contiguous thereto, or on any wooden floor, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars for each and every offence.

SEC. 13. *Be it enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to erect within the limits of the corporation any powder magazine, or any other building for the purpose of storing gunpowder in greater quantities than is hereinafter specified, and any person or persons erecting or causing to be erected any such building, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars; and fifty dollars for every twenty-four hours, until such building is removed.

SEC. 14. *Be it enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for any person to keep within the limits of the corporation a greater quantity of gunpowder than twenty-five pounds in any house; and any person who shall keep powder contrary to the provisions of this section of this act, shall forfeit and pay for each offence ten dollars, and one dollar for each day he, she or they shall continue to do the same.

SEC. 15. *Be it enacted*, That it is hereby made the duty of the City Marshal, to make particular enquiry and discover, if it is in his power, where any powder is kept, contrary to the provisions of this act; also to notice from time to time to time, the condition of stables alluded to in this act, to ascertain