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CHARTER
AND
ORDINANCES
OF THE
CITY OF MILWAUKEE,
AND
AMENDATORY ACTS,
TOGETHER WITH A
LIST OF OFFICERS,
AND
RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

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Powers of
city officers.

SEC. 7. The Mayor, or either of the Aldermen, the Marshal and Deputy Marshals of the respective Wards, or Fire Wardens, or any person deputed by the Common Council, may enter into and upon any building, boat, sloop schooner, vessel, wagon, or other conveyance, wharf, or other place or places whatsoever, within the corporate limits of said city, where powder shall be kept, and if any greater quantity than is hereby allowed to be kept, shall be found therein, he shall remove or cause to be removed, such excess to the powder magazine, at the expense of the owners thereof. Any person or persons who shall offer any resistance whatever, to the execution of the authority herein granted, shall forfeit the sum of fifty dollars, for each and every offence.

SEC. 8. All ordinances heretofore passed regulating the storage and sale of gunpowder are hereby repealed.

Passed Nov. 22d, 1852.

An Ordinance

For the prevention of fire.

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, do ordain as follows :

Ashes.

SEC. 1. No person shall keep or deposit, or allow to be kept or deposited any ashes in any wooden vessel, within the limits of this city, nor shall any person throw or deposit any ashes, or allow them to be deposited on his, her or their premises within fifty feet of any wooden structure, unless in a secure stone or brick ash-room, under the penalty of ten dollars for each and every offence.

Carrying fire.

SEC. 2. No person shall carry any fire in or through any street, lot, land or alley within this city, except the same be carried or placed in some close secure pan or vessel, under the penalty of five dollars for each and every offence.

Fire-crackers,
Bon-fires
&c.

SEC. 3. No person shall fire or set off any squib, cracker, or gun-powder, or fire-work, or build any bonfire within one hundred feet of any building in this city, under the penalty of five dollars for each and every offence; and the Mayor, Marshal or any Alderman or Fire Warden may restrain or prohibit any fire work or bonfire in any part of the city, whenever, in their opinion there shall be danger therefrom.

Burning shavings.

SEC. 4. It shall not be lawful to burn any shavings in any street, road or lane, or to kindle any fire or any other combustible matter, in any street, road or lane, or on any wharf in this city, within one hundred

yards of any building or pile of lumber, under the penalty of ten dollars for each and every offence ; nor shall any person have, put or keep any hay or straw, uncovered in stack or pile, within the like distance of any building nor put or keep, allow to be put or kept, any hay, straw, hemp, flax, tow, shavings, in any stable or other building, within such distance from any chimney, hearth or fire-place, or place for depositing ashes, as may be deemed unsafe or dangerous by the Fire Wardens of the proper Ward, under the penalty of ten dollars for every hour the same shall so remain after notice to the offender, by the Fire Warden to remove the same.

Piles of hay,
straw, &c.

SEC. 5. No pipe of any stove or frankin shall be put up in any house, or building unless it be conducted into a chimney made of brick or stone ; nor shall any person at any time set fire to any chimney for the purpose of cleaning the same, without previous consent of the Fire Warden of the proper Ward ; and any person putting up or procuring to be put up, the pipe of any stove or franklin, or doing any other act contrary to this section, shall for every offence forfeit five dollars, and the further sum of one dollar for every twenty-four hours the same shall remain so put up, after notice by any Fire Warden to alter the same.

Stove pipes.

SEC. 6. Every chimney, hereafter to be erected, and all chimneys whatsoever, shall be plastered with lime and sand on the inside thereof, under the penalty of twenty-five dollars, and a further penalty of ten dollars for every fifteen days neglect to alter or take down the same, after a notice given by any Fire warden for that purpose. It shall be the duty of the Engineers and Fire Wardens to take notice of all chimneys where the same are being constructed, and ascertain whether they are in conformity with the requirements of this chapter, and if not make report to the Common Council. Chimneys shall be so constructed or altered as to admit of the flues therein being swept or cleaned from top to bottom, under the penalties for neglect or refusal of five dollars for each offence.

Chimneys.

SEC. 7. Every dwelling house or other building more than one story in height within this city, shall have a scuttle through the roof and a convenient and suitable stairway or ladder leading to the same ; and any person constructing such dwelling house or building, without such a scuttle, and every owner of any such house or building now erected, (not having other permanent and convenient means of access to the roof,) neglecting to comply with the requisitions of this section for the space of thirty days after notice from a fire-warden, shall forfeit twenty-five dollars, and the further sum of five dollars for every ten days the non-compliance shall continue to exist,

Scuttles.

SEC. 8. No owner or occupant of any livery or other stable within this city, nor any person in the employment of such owner or occupant, shall use therein any lighted candle or other light, except the same be securely kept within a bone, tin or glass lantern, under a penalty not exceeding ten dollars for each offence, to be recovered with costs of suit.

Lights in
stables,

Fire war-
dens.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the fire-wardens, or either of them, in their respective wards, twice in each year, viz: in the months of May and November, and as much oftener as may be deemed proper, between sunrise and sunset, to enter into any house or building, lot, yards or premises in said city, and examine the fire-places, hearths, chimneys, stoves and pipes thereto, ovens, boilers or other apparatus likely to cause fire; also the places where ashes may be deposited, and all places where any gun-powder, hemp, flax, tow, hay, straw, rushes, shavings, or other combustible materials may be lodged, and the said Fire Wardens shall give such directions in regard to the several foregoing matters as they or any of them may think expedient, either as to the removal and alteration, or better care and management thereof, which directions shall be obeyed and complied with by the person or persons directed in that behalf, and at their expense.

SEC. 10. If any person or persons, shall neglect or refuse so to comply with any such directions, as any of said fire wardens may give in the premises, or shall obstruct or hinder any fire warden or his assistants, in the performance of his duty, the person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such neglect, non-compliance or hindrance, a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, and for every day which shall elapse after the time allotted for such removal, alteration, better care or management, without compliance with such directions, the said person shall also forfeit and pay a further and additional sum of five dollars; and all expenses caused in carrying into effect the directions of the fire wardens, shall, in the first instance, be paid by the occupant of the premises, and shall be deducted from the rent payable by him, her or them unless such directions were rendered necessary by the act or default of the said occupant, or there be a special agreement to the contrary between the landlord and said occupant; and it shall also be the duty of said fire wardens to ascertain whether or not their directions are duly complied with, and in case of non-compliance, or in case of any violation of this chapter, to report the names of all the offenders, with the particular circumstances, to the Common Council, who may thereupon cause such offenders to be prosecuted for the recovery of the penalties incurred by them.

SEC. 11. The provisions of any ordinance heretofore passed which may conflict with this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

Passed Nov. 22d, 1852.

An Ordinance

To regulate Hackney Coaches, Drays and Omnibuses.

The Mayor and Common Council of the city of Milwaukee do ordain as follows:

SEC. 1. That no person, (other than the keeper of a livery stable) shall hire