

CHARTER
AND
ORDINANCES
OF THE
CITY OF SYRACUSE,

Ordinances, etc.

TOGETHER WITH THE RULES OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL,

THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE POLICE AND
FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AND THE CIVIL SERVICE
REGULATIONS.

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ORDINANCES OF
CHAPTER XIX.

GUNPOWDER, &C.

License
required
for the
keeping
of gun-
powder, &c

SECTION 1. No person except when on military duty in the public service of the United States, or of this State, or in case of public celebration with permission of the mayor or common council, shall have, keep or possess in any building, or carriage, or on any dock, or in any boat or other vessel, or in any other place within the city limits, gunpowder, giant-powder, nitro-glycerine, dynamite or other explosive material, in quantity exceeding one pound, without written permission from the chief engineer of the fire department. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be liable to a fine of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment in the penitentiary of the county for not less than thirty days nor more than three months, for each offense.

Penalty.

Quantity
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keeping.

§ 2. No person or corporation, or the agent of any person or corporation, shall have, keep or store any quantity of gunpowder exceeding six pounds weight (except as provided for in section three of this chapter) in any building or place within the limits of the city of Syracuse, which said quantity of six pounds hereinbefore mentioned, shall be separated in stone jars or canisters, each of which shall contain not to exceed one pound of powder. Any person or corporation or

the agent of any person or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this section, shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment in the penitentiary of the county for not less than thirty days, nor more than three months for each offense, and to a further fine of fifty dollars for every twenty-four hours such powder shall remain in any place or manner contrary to the provisions of this section after written notice from the chief engineer of fire department to remove the same. Penalty.

§ 3. It shall be lawful for any merchant or person having a store or fixed place of business, upon written permission being granted him for that purpose by the chief engineer of the fire department, to keep for sale at his said store or place of business any quantity not exceeding one hundred pounds of gunpowder, upon condition that the same be kept in kegs or in cans or other safe vessels, which, except during business hours, shall be deposited in an iron or wooden box lined or covered with iron or other metal and marked "Powder" in plain letters, the form and construction of said box to be approved by the chief engineer of the fire department; said box, with all said powder securely enclosed therein, except during business hours as aforesaid, shall be placed on the sidewalk, near the curbstone, in front of the store or building of the person holding such Sale of gun powder—
written permission to be obtained, conditions to be observed, etc.

Not to be
sold or
exposed
except by
daylight.

Penalty.

permit, and where it may be conveniently removed in case of fire. No gunpowder shall be sold or exposed for sale except during daylight. Any person holding such permit of the chief engineer of the fire department, who shall keep at his store or building at one time a greater quantity of powder than one hundred pounds, or who shall violate either of the above conditions or provisions mentioned in this section, shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-five, nor more than one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment in the penitentiary of the county for not less than thirty days nor more than three months, or both such fine and imprisonment for each offense, and his said permit may be revoked by the chief engineer of the fire department.

Carrying
through
the streets,
etc., of
the city.

§ 4. No person shall convey or carry through any street, lane or alley of the city, any gunpowder exceeding six pounds in quantity, unless the same is secured in kegs or canisters containing not to exceed twenty-five pounds each, and sufficiently tightly enclosed to prevent any powder escaping therefrom. Said kegs or canisters shall be placed, in quantities not to exceed three hundred pounds, in wood or iron boxes, lined and so constructed that no particle of powder can escape therefrom. And said boxes shall be securely covered with canvass or iron so as to prevent the possibility of fire communicating with the powder. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section

shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-^{Penalty.} five, nor more than one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment in the penitentiary of the county for not less than thirty days nor more than three months, or both such fine and imprisonment for each offense.

§ 5. No vessel or car laden in whole or in part with gunpowder, shall enter any canal or railroad within the limits of the city of Syracuse, without the written permission of the chief engineer of the fire department, which permission when granted shall designate the place where said vessel or boat shall moor or anchor or car shall be stationed, and shall prescribe the time within which said powder shall be transferred or unloaded from said vessel, boat or car, and the manner of transferring or unloading the same. The master or owner of any such vessel, boat or car, or the consignee of any such gunpowder, who shall bring or cause the same to be brought into any canal aforesaid, without such permission, or shall disobey any direction of the chief engineer of the fire department with reference to mooring or anchoring such vessel or boat or stationing of said car, or with reference to the transfer or unloading of the cargo thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-^{Penalty.} five nor more than one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment in the penitentiary of the county for not less than thirty days nor more than three

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Chief engineer may designate place, etc.

§ 6. The chief engineer of the fire department may from time to time designate certain places outside of the thickly settled portions of the city, where gunpowder may be transferred from one car to another or may be unloaded from cars for the purpose of conveying the same to a powder magazine; and he may also prescribe and determine certain portions of the city within which cars loaded with gunpowder may be brought. Any person refusing or neglecting to comply with any directions of the chief engineer of the fire department, made pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars or to imprisonment in the penitentiary of the county for not less than thirty days, nor more than three months, or both such fine and imprisonment for each offense.

Penalty.

Written permit to be first obtained of the chief engineer of the fire department.

§ 7. No corporation or person shall directly or indirectly leave, keep, store or bring within the limits of the city of Syracuse any gunpowder, giant powder, nitro-glycerine, dualine, dynamite or any other compound containing nitro-glycerine (except as provided in the preceding sections of this chapter) without a written permit first had and obtained of the chief engineer of the fire department, who shall limit the quantity of explosive

articles aforesaid so to be kept and stored with reference exclusively to the accommodation of the local trade of the city and the safety of the public. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of ^{Penalty.} not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment in the penitentiary of the county for not less than thirty days nor more than three months, or both such fine and imprisonment for each offense, and a further fine of one hundred dollars for every twelve hours during which such explosive article shall remain so kept and stored as aforesaid, within the city of Syracuse, or after notice to the owner or agent of the building in which the said explosives are stored to remove the same beyond the limits of the city, as required in said notice.

§ 8. If the owner or agent of the owner of any gunpowder, giant powder, nitro-glycerine, dualine, dynamite or any other compound containing nitro-glycerine, or the owner of, or agent of the owner of any building within the city of Syracuse, wherein the said explosive articles shall be kept or stored in violation of the provisions of the preceding section seven, shall neglect or refuse to comply with the notice requiring said explosive articles to be removed beyond the limits of the city, it shall be lawful for the mayor of the city and the chief engineer of the fire department to adopt such measures and means as they may deem

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expedient for public safety to condemn, destroy, remove or otherwise dispose of the dangerous articles aforesaid.

CHAPTER XX.

HACKS.

Hacks, &c.,
to be
licensed.

SECTION 1. Every person keeping, or who may, keep a hackney coach, cab or other carriage for hire for the conveyance of passengers, or any vehicle for conveying the baggage of passengers within the bounds of the city, and every person owning, keeping or being in possession of such hackney coach, cab or other vehicle, which he lets for the conveyance of passengers or baggage within the city limits, which whether such hackney coach, cab or vehicle be kept, used or let for the purpose aforesaid in connection with any livery stable business or otherwise, shall obtain from the mayor a license therefor; and such license shall state the number of the coach, cab, carriage, baggage wagon or vehicle, and shall continue in force until the 15th day of April next after the date thereof. Any person keeping, or who may keep, own or be in possession of any hackney coach, cab, carriage or baggage wagon for hire, or which he lets for the conveyance of passengers or baggage as above specified, who shall not have obtained such license therefor, shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten nor more

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