

Charter and Ordinances
OF THE
CITY OF BARRE,
VERMONT,

ALSO THE
Rules and Order of Business of the City Council
and Board of Aldermen, Water Rates, Act
Incorporating the Spaulding Graded
School District, and City Map.

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PREFACE.

The Charter of the City of Barre was drafted by a committee of seven chosen by a public meeting of the citizens of Barre, held Oct. 1895.

This committee, having but a very few days in which to complete its work, was compelled to labor day and night to accomplish it in the required time.

In its preparation the committee drew largely from the charters of other cities of our State. In the revision of the first draft, able legal council was employed; though hastily drawn there was but very little trouble or inconvenience experienced in adopting its provisions, and doing away with the town method of transacting business, yet as is the case in all progressive communities it was found necessary at each biennial session of the General Assembly to ask for some amendments and additions, the most important of which were making some of the appointive officers elective; authorizing the City to issue water bonds to purchase and develop a municipal water plant; to raise money for the support, or to aid in the support, of a public library; certain modifications in regard to the city court; the provision, which allows the City to assess the abutting land for special benefits caused by reason of the construction of permanent streets, and the provision which enables the City to condemn certain water rights to provide a suitable supply of water for said City and the inhabitants that may live along or near its lines of pipes in other municipalities, against fire, for sanitary, domestic and general industrial uses beneficial to the public.

In view of these changes it was thought best in the summer of 1902 to revise the whole charter, and a special committee, consisting of two ex-mayors, one ex-president of the board of aldermen and the city attorney, was appointed to act with the committee on legislation to do this work. This joint committee, after consulting with the attorney of the old Barre Water Co., drafted a bill which passed the General Assembly of 1902 in the form herein printed.

The ordinances as originally adopted were of necessity largely an adoption of local laws of other cities which have a high reputation for good government and prosperity; many of them have consequently been revised and some additions have been made. The revision has not been as complete or thorough as was intended when the work of revision was commenced, yet we feel that many much needed and beneficial changes have been made.

The standing rules and order of business of the board of aldermen have been in force since 1899.

The water rates as here published, though they differ slightly in some respects, yet as a whole they are essentially the same as the rates of the old Barre Water Co.

The Spaulding Graded School was incorporated in March, 1903, and the original act is still in force, except so far as it is modified by the city charter.

The city map has just been completed and shows, as far as possible, the public streets, private and prospective streets.

CITY OF BARRE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT
HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE.

ORDINANCES OF THE CITY.

CHAPTER I.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Barre as follows :

All enactments for the government of the city shall be termed ordinances; acts of minor importance shall be called resolutions or by-laws, and the enacting clause, which shall be but once recited in each, shall be

Ordinances and resolutions defined.

SECTION 1 *Be it ordained or resolved by the City Council of the City of Barre as follows :*

Sec. 2. Each ordinance shall be known as a chapter of the city ordinances, and shall bear its appropriate number, and each resolution shall be numbered by the city clerk in the order of the passage by the city council.

Ordinances and resolutions to be numbered.

Sec. 3. Every ordinance, amendment, change or repeal of an ordinance shall be offered in writing by an alderman at a regular meeting of the board of aldermen, read once and referred to the committee on legislation, which shall report on the same at the next subsequent meeting, and if the same shall then pass by a two-thirds

Amendments, etc., how offered.

For each hack, carriage or other vehicle used for the conveyance of passengers for hire:

If drawn by one horse, two dollars.

If drawn by two horses, three dollars.

If drawn by more than two horses, five dollars.

For each express wagon, dray or other vehicle used for the carrying of merchandise, freight and other personal property for hire:

If drawn by one horse, one dollar.

If drawn by two horses, two dollars.

If drawn by more than two horses, five dollars.

All said licenses shall expire not later than the first day of April next succeeding the issuance thereof, and the fees paid therefor shall be for the use and benefit of the city treasury.

Sec. 4. Each hack, carriage, express wagon, dray or other vehicle, so licensed as hereinbefore provided shall have attached to or painted upon it, in figures sufficiently large and conspicuous as to be easily read by passers-by on the street, the number of the license so issued for its public use.

Number to be worn
conspicuously.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

Of Sundry Prohibitions.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Barre as follows:

Section 1. In addition to the license imposed by section 4821 of Vermont Statutes every owner or keeper of a dog over three months old within the city limits shall annually, on or before the first day of April, cause it to be registered, numbered and described and licensed for one year from such first day of April, in the office of the city clerk of the City of Barre, and shall cause it to wear a

Dogs to be licensed.

collar distinctly marked with the owner's name and its registered city number in addition to the number required by section 4821 of the Vermont statutes and shall pay for said license \$1.00 for each male or spayed female dog and \$2.00 for each female dog and if not paid as aforesaid at the time aforesaid, said owner or keeper may procure a license on or before the fifteenth day of May by paying \$2.00 for each male or spayed female dog and \$4.00 for each female dog.

Sec. 2. The city clerk shall issue said license and receive money therefor and shall pay the same into the city treasury within sixty days of the receipt thereof, retaining for his own use ten cents for each license, and shall return therewith a sworn statement of the amount of monies thus received and paid over by him and said monies received for said licenses aforesaid shall be used solely for the purchase of books for the public library. City clerk to issue license.

Sec. 3. The city clerk shall also keep a record of the licenses issued by him, with the name of the keepers or owners of dogs licensed and the names, registered numbers and descriptions of said dogs. Clerk to keep records

Sec. 4. The granting of such license shall not release the owners or keeper of any dog from liability for damages done by it, nor make the city responsible for the same. Owner liable for damages.

Sec. 5. The word dog as used in the foregoing shall be construed in its generic sense and include all puppies over three months old. Dog defined.

Sec. 6. A person keeping a dog contrary to the foregoing provisions shall be fined \$15.00, \$5.00 to go to the complainant and \$10.00 to be paid into the city treasury for the purpose aforesaid. Penalty.

Sec. 7. No person shall carry within the city any steel or brass knuckles, pistol, slung shot, stiletto, or weapon of similar character, nor carry any weapon concealed on his person without permission of the mayor or chief of police in writing. Carrying arms.