

Ordinance No.

To Suppress Bawdy Houses.

The City of Portland does ordain as follows:

Sec 1.

That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to open, set up, or keep within the corporate limits of the City of Portland any bawdy house, house of ill fame or of assignation.

Sec 2.

Any person who shall open, set up, or keep, within the corporate limits of the City of Portland, any bawdy house, house of ill fame or of assignation, or who shall knowingly aid or assist in opening, setting up or keeping any bawdy house, house of ill fame, or of assignation, or shall harbor, secrete or permit any girl under the age of eighteen years, to remain in such bawdy house, ~~house~~, house of ill fame, or of assignation, without immediately notifying the Chief of Police thereof, or who ~~shall be found to be a frequent~~ ~~of such bawdy house, house of ill fame, or of assignation~~ ~~and shall be found an inmate~~, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined ~~to~~ one hundred dollars, for each and every offence, or imprisonment not exceeding twenty days.

Sec 3.

In all cases of prosecution under this ordinance, common law shall be competent evidence, in support of this complaint, and every house or place used for the purposes of prostitution, fornication, lewdness, or assignation, shall be deemed to be a house used for the purposes within the

meaning of this Ordinance.

Sec 4. The owner ^{or} Agent, of any house or tenement, or any person who is in possession ^{of}, or who has control over any house or tenement, who shall permit any such house or tenement to be used as a lewdy house, house of ill fame, or of assignation. Shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall forfeit and pay a sum of One hundred dollars.

Sec 5. It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to institute prosecutions for the violation of this ordinance whenever he shall ^{have} reasonable cause to believe that any person or persons have been guilty of a violation of the same; and upon every conviction for such violation the Chief of Police shall receive a fee of five dollars, and the same shall be taxed against the defendant as part of the costs of the same.

Sec 6. That Ordinance No 959, entitled "An Ordinance to Suppress Lewdy Houses," approved March 4, 1841, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordinance No
To Suppress Gaming
Houses

1/20/21

To the Common Council of the
City of Portland.

Gentlemen;

The undersigned a minority of your Committee on Health and Police, would beg leave to dissent from the views expressed by a majority of such Committee in their report recommending the passage of An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to suppress Bowdy Houses"

For the reasons hereinafter stated.

1st That the Ordinance now in operation to-wit; Ordinance No 959. entitled "An Ordinance to suppress Bowdy houses" is sufficiently stringent (if rigidly enforced) to suppress this much complained of evil, or at least so far as the same can be done.

2nd That Convictions are ~~more~~ more easily had under the present Ordinance, than under the one now pending. In support of which statement I would respectfully refer to the opinion of the City Attorney as verbally expressed to me, and to the further fact that Ordinance #959 provides that any person found residing in any bowdy house with a knowledge of its character shall be conclusively presumed to be the keeper, which provision is not contained in the Ordinance

now pending. I am informed that this provision makes a Conviction much more certain especially in the Case of Chinese prostitutes when it would be, and is almost an impossibility to ascertain the real keeper of the house.

In view of the above facts and the further fact that unnecessary and useless legislation ought not to be encouraged by this Council. I would recommend the indefinite postponement of the further Consideration of the Ordinance.

Richard Leedes.

To the Common Council of the City
of Portland.

Gentlemen;

Your Comm-
ittee on Health and Police to whom
was referred an Ordinance entitled
'An Ordinance to suppress bandy
houses'.. would ~~be glad to report~~ ^{beg leave to report}
~~its postponement~~ the same back
and recommend its passage as
amended

J. L. Nicklin

J. F. Watson

} Committee on H & P