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No. 11
An Ordinance creating a Fire Department—

Section 1. All fire engines, hose, hook and ladder, and other fire companies, having organized and adopted a Constitution, and having petitioned the Common Council for that purpose, shall be furnished with engines, or other fire apparatus, and houses for receiving the same, by the city, if deemed proper and necessary by the Mayor and Common Council.

2 It shall require at least twenty persons, not under twenty-one years of age, to compose a company, all of which must have signed the constitution previous to their petition, and they shall forward with said petition a copy of their constitution, together with their officers and men and the situation in which they wish to locate.

3 There shall be an election annually ^{to take place} on the first Monday in September for one chief Engineer and an ~~first~~ Assistant Engineer; said election to be called by the Mayor by giving a timely notice in the newspapers of the city, and held at such place as he may designate, the polls to be kept open from one o'clock P.M. until four P.M. under the inspection of three judges each

each from a different company, to be appointed by the Mayor, if there are less than three companies organized the inspectors to be appointed from those that are organized. No person shall be entitled to vote at said election, except such as are then, and for twenty days prior thereto have been members of the fire department.

4 The person having the highest number of votes for Chief Engineer shall be declared elected. For Assistant Engineer the person having the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

5 The returns of the election for Chief Engineer and the Assistant Engineer shall be made to the ~~City~~ Common Council, who shall examine the same, declare the result, and certify the same to the Mayor, who shall give the persons elected their certificate of office.

6 Whenever the Chief Engineer shall be absent from the city or be prevented from attending to the duties of his office, the Assistant Engineer shall perform the duties, and possess all the rights and powers of Chief Engineer during such absence or disability.

7 Whenever any vacancy occurs in the office of Chief Engineer or Assistant, the Mayor shall call an election to fill such vacancy, in the same manner as heretofore provided.

Section 8

The Chief Engineer shall in all cases of fire, have the sole and absolute command over all the Engineers and other persons connected with the fire department - It shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to direct the other Engineers, to take proper measures to arrange the several fire engines in the most advantageous manner, and to cause them to be duly worked for the effectual extinguishment of fires. It shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to examine, at least ^{quarterly} ~~five~~ in each year, into the condition and number of the fire engines, and other fire apparatus, and fire engine houses, and report the same to the Common Council ^{Quarterly} ~~once~~ in each year, and it shall be his duty, whenever any of the fire engines, hose carts, trucks and hooks and ladders, or other fire apparatus, shall require to be repaired, to report the same forthwith to the Common Council and under their direction to superintend the repair thereof -

9 ~~##~~ The Chief Engineer shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, take and subscribe an oath or affirmation before the Mayor, well and faithfully to perform such duties.

10 It shall be the duty of each and every fire company, in going to or returning from any fire or alarm of fire, or removing their apparatus from their respective places of deposit, to obey the orders of the Chief or other Engineer -

Section 11 In case any fireman or assistant foreman, or any other fireman having charge of any fire company, shall disobey, or refuse to obey any order or direction given by the chief or other Engineer, he shall for such offence, be tried by the a Board of Delegates ^{composed of two members from each company} and if convicted, be, at their option suspended or expelled from the fire department subject to the approval of the Mayor —

12 Each and every company shall keep, or cause to be kept, their apparatus in good order and condition, so that it shall be ready for service at any moment, and the Secretary of each company shall report to the Chief Engineer or the person acting as such, once ^{quarterly} ~~half yearly~~ the condition of the company with a list of members —

13 No fire engine, hook & ladder, or hose cart, during any fire in this city, or any report of fire, at any time under any pretence whatever, shall be taken or removed out of its house, unless the foreman or one of the Assistant foreman, or at least ^{one} of the fireman to which the same shall belong, shall be present and consent thereto, under the penalty of ^{ten} ~~five~~ dollars for every such offence, to be forfeited and paid by, and recovered from any and every person aiding and assisting in, or consenting to, the violation of any of the provisions of this section —

Section 14 It shall be unlawful for any drayman, Cartman
or hackman, to drive his drays, carts ^{or all four wheeled vehicles} or hack, whether
loaded or otherwise, across any fire hose, unless
said hose is protected in such way as to prevent
all possibility of injury. For every violation of this
section, the party so offending, shall be subject to
a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than
ten dollars at the discretion of the Recorder.

14 It shall be the duty of the secretary of each fire and
hook+ladder company, to furnish the judges of election
at least one day previous to an election for Chief and
Assistant Engineers, a certified list of the members of
their respective companies, and none others shall be
entitled to vote at said election.

Sec 15
It shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer
by and with the advice and consent
of the Mayor should any emergency
occur during a conflagration which
in their opinion requires the removal
of any building or buildings or any
combustible materials to cause ~~the~~
~~same to be~~ such removal to be made

Section 17 } 16 and assist in extinguishing the fire, or in
Continued } the removal of goods endangered by the fire,
and shall fail or refuse to afford such assistance,
any of the officers above named, may arrest the
person so refusing and ~~keep him in custody,~~
~~and he or they~~ on conviction before the recorder
shall be fined not less than ^{three} ~~five~~ dollars nor
more than Ten dollars

17 Nothing in the preceding section
of this title shall be construed to apply to
physicians whilst engaged in their professional
duties, or persons disabled by sickness or
physical inability

18 18 This Ordinance to take effect from and after its approval
by the Mayor

Approved
May 29th 1834

Wm. S. Ladd Mayor

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