

man and tax collector shall be one year from the date of their appointment, or until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified, subject, however, to removal for cause and after notice as hereinafter provided.

1908, ch. 733. 1920 Code, sec. 17.

18. The policeman shall be vested and clothed with all the power and authority of a constable, and any one resisting him in the discharge of his duty shall be liable upon conviction in the Circuit Court for Worcester County, or before any Justice of the Peace for said County, in the same manner and to the same extent as if he had resisted a constable; shall also collect the dog taxes and street taxes of the town, and shall make monthly reports to the Council of all taxes so collected, which report shall be entered upon the minutes; he shall superintend all work upon the streets, lanes and alleys of the town and shall assist the Mayor in the enforcement of the ordinances, and to that end it shall be his duty to make complaint to some Justice of the Peace against any and every person violating any ordinances of the town; he shall be the executive officer of the Mayor and Council, and shall serve, deliver or post any order or notice that under any law or ordinances of the town or under this charter is to be served, delivered or posted; and all returns made by the policeman to the Mayor or the Council shall have the same force and effect, and be entitled to and receive the same credence as a return of a sheriff to any process in the Circuit Courts of this State; it shall be his duty as a peace officer to maintain and preserve the peace, good order and good conduct within the limits of said town and among all persons found therein; he shall repress, prevent and put down disorderly conduct and all disturbances of the public peace, breaches of the peace, gambling of all kinds, the unlawful sale of intoxicating drinks and any or all other unlawful and criminal acts and conduct whatsoever within the corporate limits of said town. Upon the application of the policeman for a warrant of arrest, and upon the information, on oath, of such officer or any other person who appears with him, or at the direction of said officer to lay the information, any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction and authorized to issue such a warrant or writ shall issue the same directly to said policeman, commanding him to make the arrest of the person or persons named in the information, and said officer shall execute and return said warrant or writ, but he shall serve no other in the case except the warrant of arrest. The fines imposed in any case, on trial and conviction of a defendant for any offence committed within the limits of said town, whether under the general law of the State or under the local laws and ordinances of the town where the original warrant or writ was directed to the policeman of said town, shall be paid over by the Justice of the Peace before whom said case was tried to the town treasurer, less any part thereof appropriated by law to an informer; said fine to be part of the revenue of the town. If any crime or offense against the laws shall be committed in the presence of the policeman he shall arrest the offender.