

thereof; and such *scire facias* may issue at any time within three years from the filing of the statement required by the preceding section; but any defendant intending to dispute the validity of said tax, and wishing to test the same before the expiration of said time, at any time after the filing of said statement, may give notice to said mayor and council in writing, that he disputes the validity of such tax and wishes to test the same, so as to free his property from such lien claim; and in such case, unless said mayor and council shall issue a *scire facias* thereon against such party within sixty days after the receipt of such notice, said lien shall be waived and avoided as against his property; and all cases of writs of *scire facias* issued under this section shall stand for trial at the first term of court after the issuing thereof; provided, the same shall have been served on the defendant, and a return of such service made by the sheriff, at least ten days before the commencement of said term; and upon all judgments rendered in such cases there shall be a stay of thirty days, and no longer; provided, that either party may appeal to the court of appeals from any rulings or decision of any questions of law decided by the circuit court in such trial; and in case the defendant shall appeal and file a proper appeal bond, then said stay of thirty days shall be counted from the affirmance of such judgment, if the same shall be affirmed, and not from the date of the judgment below.

1884, ch. 126.

191. It shall be the duty of the town clerk to be present at all the meetings of the mayor and council; he shall keep a correct record of their proceedings and an account of all their financial transactions; he shall enter all ordinances passed by the mayor and council, and signed by the mayor, in a book kept by him for that purpose; and the books of the corporation shall be open for the inspection of any taxpayer at all times, and copies of all ordinances shall be put up in the most public places of the town.

1886, ch. 290.

192. All ordinances now in force and operation in the town shall remain and be in full force and effect until regularly repealed.