

and children of firemen and of police who may be killed in discharge of duty, and to provide by general ordinance for giving pensions to employees of the Baltimore fire department who may become unable to perform further service by reason of age or other physical or mental disabilities.

## FIRE INSPECTOR.

P. L. L., (1860,) art 4, sec. 247.

**316.** There shall be a fire inspector for the city of Baltimore commissioned by the mayor in such manner as may be prescribed by ordinance.

1872, ch. 250.

**317.** It shall be the duty of the fire inspector to attend all fires that may occur in the city of Baltimore, with a badge of office conspicuously displayed, upon which his title shall be legibly printed, and he shall take charge of and protect all property of any kind and description during such fires, or which may be imperiled thereby, and safely keep the same in his possession or under his control, until satisfactory proof of ownership be made thereto; and shall, as far as practicable, prevent property from being injured at such fires, and regulate and direct, when in his opinion it is necessary or expedient, the removal of goods, merchandise and other property to a place of safety. Any person who shall wilfully hinder or obstruct said officer in the lawful discharge or performance of any of the duties of his office shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the city jail for not more than one month, or by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Ibid.

**318.** It shall be the duty of said fire inspector to institute investigations into the causes of such fires as may occur in the city of Baltimore, whenever in his judgment the occasion demands it, and for this purpose he shall have power to issue *subpoenas* and administer oaths, and compel the attendance of witnesses before him by attachment or otherwise; all *subpoenas* issued by him shall be in such form as he may prescribe, and shall be directed to and served by any constable, police officer,