

CHAP. 477. Authority to pass ordinances for the good government of the town, etc.

and preservation of the water supply of the city and the prevention of the pollution thereof; to make all regulations which may be deemed expedient for the promotion of health, or suppression of disease; to regulate the construction of chimneys, smoke-stacks, hearths, ovens, the erection of stoves and stovepipes, boilers and apparatus used in buildings or other places, and cause the same to be removed, or made secure when considered dangerous; to suppress, restrain and regulate bawdy houses and houses of ill-fame, and to prohibit the youth of said city from being in the streets, lanes or alleys at unreasonable hours of the night; to punish and suppress tramps and vagrants, by imposing fines, or both fines and imprisonment at hard labor, and to abate by appropriate ordinances all nuisances in said town, which are so defined at common law, whether the same are herein specifically named or not; to regulate the use of sidewalks and all structures in, under or over the same, and to require the owner or occupant of premises to keep the sidewalks in front of the same free from snow and other obstructions, and prescribe hours for clearing the same; to regulate and prevent the throwing or depositing of sweepings, dust or ashes, offal or dirt, garbage, paper, handbills, dirty liquids or any other materials into any street, alley or public place; to regulate and prevent the use of streets, sidewalks and public places for signs, sign-posts, awnings, awning-posts, poles, horse-troughs, steps, railings, entrances, racks, posting handbills and advertisements, and display of goods, wares and merchandise; to cause the streets, lanes and alleys to be sidewalked, paved, graded, repaired, repaved, regarded, drained or sewered, or to close streets or parts of streets, lanes or alleys; to regulate and license the use of coaches, hacks, drays, and all other vehicles for the transportation of passengers, freight or other articles to or from points within said city for hire or pay; to regulate, license, tax, restrain, or prohibit theatrical and all other exhibitions, shows or entertainments for which money is demanded or received; provided, that lectures on scientific, historic, benevolent, artistic, religious or literary subjects, and apparatus for the elucidation of the same, and specimens of fine art, shall not be deemed to be within this provision; to regulate the sale of all kinds of property at auction in the streets, stores, shops or elsewhere in the city, and to license auctioneers and all vendors of property on the streets or squares or other places in said city; to license, tax, regulate, suppress and prohibit hawkers and itinerant dealers, peddlers and pawnbrokers, and to revoke such license at pleasure; to license, tax and regulate branch stores and all other concerns established in said city for temporary business only.