

and directed and are given full power and authority to provide for the revision and codification of all its ordinances heretofore passed or which may hereafter be passed, and to provide for the payment of the same, and to by ordinance approve and adopt said revision and codification as a whole, as and for the ordinances then existing and in force in the town of Westminster. And said ordinances, so revised and codified, when adopted and approved by the Mayor and Common Council, shall be evidence of said ordinances in any court of this State, or before any justice of the peace, and a printed copy thereof, published by the authority of the Mayor and Common Council, shall be received in evidence and have the same force and validity as the original. All ordinances passed before or after the adoption of such codification may also be proven by either the original or the record thereof in the book provided by the Mayor and Common Council for recording them.

#### GENERAL POWERS.

Sec. 223. The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster shall have power to purchase and hold real, personal and mixed property for the use and benefit of said corporation, or the recreation, entertainment and amusement of its citizens, and may convey and dispose of the same or any part thereof, and to receive property by gift, devise or deed, in trust, for any municipal object. They shall have power to pass ordinances and by-laws to prevent and remove nuisances and obstructions from the streets, lanes and alleys, and from lots adjoining streets, lanes and alleys, and from any other place within the limits of said city, and regulate and prohibit the excavation and opening of streets and alleys, and any work or anything being done therein or thereon; restrain all disorders, annoyances, disorderly conduct and drunkenness; suppress street walkers, bawdy houses and prevent gambling; prevent the firing of cannons, guns, pistols, firecrackers, fireworks or other explosives within the corporate limits; suppress fires, and prevent the danger thereof; establish or aid and assist the maintenance of a fire department; make or cause to be made and repaired, all necessary drains, sewers, culverts and bridges; direct in what part of the city wooden buildings may be erected; establish building lines on any of the streets and alleys of said town, beyond which no structure can be erected; prevent and regulate the storage of gunpowder, oil or other combustible matter in such quantities and in such places as they may deem proper; regulate the speed of horses, vehicles, motor cycles, automobiles, cars and locomotives in the city limits; regulate the maintenance of proper safety appliances by railroads at street crossings and the stopping of trains