

City of Salisbury (or by printing the same in some newspaper printed in the City of Salisbury). At any regular or special meeting of the Council held not more than sixty nor less than six days after the meeting at which such ordinance was introduced and first read, the said ordinance shall be read for a second time and passed, or amended and passed, or rejected, or its consideration deferred to some specified future date, by the said Council, provided that no ordinance shall be passed until it has been published as required by this section for at least five days.

Ordinances, when passed and approved by the Mayor, or when passed over his veto, shall be permanently filed by the Clerk of Salisbury in a book or books kept for that purpose.

No ordinance shall become a valid law until the provisions of this section have been at least substantially complied with, provided, that it shall not be necessary, in any suit, proceeding or action in any Court or before any Justice of the Peace in which the passage of such ordinance or its validity shall be in issue, for the party relying on such ordinance to prove the publication thereof unless such publication is denied by written pleading, and in case of such denial, the due publication of such ordinance shall be presumed and the burden of proving failure of publication shall be upon the party relying upon such failure or the invalidity of the ordinance.

In all the Courts and before all Justices of the Peace of this State the book in which any ordinance recorded and the ordinance recorded therein shall be proof of the law, provided, that the Mayor and Council of Salisbury shall have power to provide by ordinance for the codification of the laws and ordinances of the said City, and for the adoption of a City Code, and for the payment from the general funds of the City of the expenses of compiling and printing such a Code, which when adopted shall be proof of the law and ordinances of Salisbury therein contained.

And the Clerk of Salisbury shall deliver to the Judge of the People's Court of Wicomico County a certified copy of all ordinances for the violation of which the said Judge may impose a fine or imprisonment, or both, or other punishment. And the said Judge shall take judicial notice of all ordinances, so certified to him, and of the due passage thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1941.

Approved April 15, 1941.