

CHAP. 78.

Proviso coverable before the burgess aforesaid, as small debts are recoverable out of court, or before a justice of the peace; *provided*, that no fine or forfeiture imposed under any ordinance of said corporation, shall exceed the sum of twenty dollars.

General powers

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the burgess and commissioners aforesaid, may direct, by ordinance, all or any of the foot-ways in the said town, to be laid off, and levelled, and paved, or amended and repaired, with any materials which to them may seem best; and such levelling and paving shall be made and done at the expense of the proprietors of the different lots, before which the burgess and commissioners aforesaid shall direct such levelling and paving to be done; that the owner or owners of any house, lot or part of a lot, where such levelling, paving, repairing or amending shall be directed, shall not reside in the said town, the tenant or person occupying the same, or who shall have the charge and care thereof, shall cause the same to be done before the front of such possession, and the money expended by such tenant or other person in and about the said work, in obedience to the ordinance and direction of the burgess and commissioners aforesaid, shall be allowed by the owner, and deducted out of the rent then due or hereafter to become due; and if any owner or tenant of any house, or lot or part of a lot, or the person having the care of the same, shall refuse or neglect to level, pave and amend or repair the foot-way in front of the same, according to the ordinance and direction of the burgess and commissioners aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the burgess and commissioners aforesaid, to contract and agree with some person or persons, on reasonable terms, to level, pave, amend or repair such foot-ways, and to charge the expense thereof, to the owner or owners of the property in front of which such work may be done, and shall recover the same by distress on such property, with cost.

May pass by-laws

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That the said burgess and commissioners shall have power to make all such by-laws, regulations and ordinances, as from time to time, they may deem wise, equitable and expedient for the comfort, health, convenience and prosperity of the said town and its inhabitants, for the prevention or removal of nuisances, preservation of health and suppression of vice and immorality, within the limits of the said town, and shall have power to lay an equal tax on the property within the limits of the said town, to such amount as may from time to time, be deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes aforesaid;

And lay a tax