

MUNICIPAL CHARTERS

for Washington County, that they will discharge the duties of their respective offices according to the best of their skill and judgment, without fear, favor, affection or partiality, a copy of which oath, with a certificate of the justice administering the same, shall be entered on the journal of the corporation.

239. Meetings of MAYOR AND COUNCIL [Burgess and Commissioners].

The said MAYOR AND COUNCIL [burgess and commissioners] may meet from time to time, as occasion may require, on the business of the Corporation, not less than once in every three months, and the MAYOR [burgess] shall preside at all meetings, and may give the casting vote; in his absence the ASSISTANT MAYOR [assistant burgess] shall preside, under the same restrictions; but when the MAYOR [burgess] is present, the ASSISTANT MAYOR [assistant burgess] shall have the same power as a COUNCILMAN [commissioner].

241. ORDINANCES; PUBLIC INSPECTION.

The Clerk shall enter all ordinances passed by the COUNCIL [burgess], in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, which shall be open at all times to the inspection of all persons interested; and copies of all ordinances shall be put up in the most public places in the town.

242. ORDINANCES; POWER AS TO.

The MAYOR AND COUNCIL [Burgess and Commissioners] may make such by-laws and ordinances as they may deem expedient for the comfort, health, convenience and general prosperity of the said town, as well as all regulations for the security of property and good government of said municipality; and to this end it shall have power to institute a fire department; to prevent, remove and abate all nuisances in or upon the streets, highways, lanes or alleys, drains or water-courses, in or upon any lot or lots adjacent thereto, and provide for imposing a fine or fines upon any person or persons so offending; to remove or cause to be removed, or rendered safe at the expense of the owner any rickety chimneys or other structures that may be regarded as dangerous; to prevent livestock of any kind from running at large within the corporate limits, and to provide suitable penalties; to lay a special tax or license on dogs, in the discretion of the board; to establish and regulate a lock-up for the temporary confinement of violators of the laws and ordinances of the town; to prohibit or restrain the keeping of bawdyhouses or houses of ill-fame within the limits of the corporation, and to provide for the