

purchased for the use of said Department, but those now in possession of said city and county may be used in such localities and under such regulations as the Board of Fire Commissioners, with the approval of the Board of Supervisors, may prescribe.

SEC. 2. The officers of said Fire Department shall be a Board of five Commissioners, a Chief Engineer, four Assistant Engineers, one Clerk (who shall be Clerk of the Board of Fire Commissioners and Chief Engineer), one Superintendent of Steam Fire Engines, and one Assistant Superintendent of Steam Fire Engines.

SEC. 3. The employés\* and members of said Fire Department shall be as follows, viz.: one Veterinary Surgeon, one Corporation Yard Keeper, one Corporation Yard Drayman, two Hydrantmen, and such Foremen, Assistant Foremen, Engineers, Drivers, Firemen, Hosemen, Tillermen, Stewards, Clerks, and such volunteer companies and members as shall be organized and authorized to perform duty under the provisions of this article. The companies of said Department shall be organized as follows: Each steam fire engine company shall consist of one Foreman, one Engineer, one Driver, one Fireman, and eight Hosemen, one of whom shall act as Assistant Foreman and one as Clerk. Each hook and ladder company shall consist of one Foreman, one Driver, one Tillerman, and twelve Hook and Laddermen, one of whom shall act as Assistant Foreman and one as Clerk. Each hose company shall consist of one Foreman, one Driver, one Steward, and six Hosemen, one of whom shall act as Assistant Foreman and one as Clerk. The Clerk of each company shall receive the sum of five dollars per month extra.

SEC. 4. The companies composing said Fire Department shall be furnished with all the horses, hose, hooks, ladders, apparatus, and appurtenances necessary and proper in the opinion of the Board of Fire Commissioners and Board of Supervisors to place said Department in the most effective condition for service; and should it hereafter in the judgment of said Board of Supervisors and Board of Fire Commissioners be deemed advisable and necessary to organize and establish any company or companies to operate and manage any patent fire extinguisher or appliance for extinguishing fire, that may be purchased for the use and more effectual working of said Fire Department, said company or companies shall be organized, officered, and manned as said Boards may, by regulation or order, direct. Volunteer companies may be organized for outside districts of said city and county, upon the recommendation of the Board of Fire Commissioners and approval of the Board of Supervisors, and when so organized they shall be under the provisions of this article, and subject to such rules and regulations as the Board of Fire Commissioners may prescribe; but none of the members thereof, except the Steward of the company, shall receive any salary, which salary shall be fixed by the Board of Supervisors, upon the application of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

SEC. 5. The Clerk, Chief Engineer, and Assistant Engineers shall be appointed by the Board of Fire Commissioners, each for a term of two years from and after their appointment, subject, however, to removal at the pleasure of said Board, under such rules and regulations as may be established by said Board and approved by the Board of Supervisors; and all subordinate officers, employés, and members shall be appointed by said Board of Fire Commissioners, and be removable at its pleasure, under like rules and regulations, but no officer or member of said Fire Department shall be removed for political reasons. The first term of two years above mentioned shall be deemed to mean from the first Monday in December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and then every two years thereafter, but the terms of office of the persons now entitled to the above named offices shall not be deemed to be altered, changed, or affected by the provisions of this article.

SEC. 6. All the paid members of said Fire Department, except the Veterinary Surgeon, Foremen, Assistant Foremen, company Clerks, Hosemen, Hook and Laddermen, and Stewards of volunteer companies, shall give their undivided attention to their respective duties, but the Foremen, Assistant Foremen, company Clerks, Hosemen, Hook and Laddermen, and Stewards of volunteer companies shall perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by said Board of Fire Commissioners and ordered to be executed by the Chief Engineer.

SEC. 7. The Board of Supervisors of said city and county shall have power to contract for and locate all cisterns, hydrants, engine, hose, and hook and ladder houses required; to contract for and furnish all supplies; to direct and control all alterations and repairs, and to pass all orders for the government and control of said Fire Department as they shall deem for the best interest thereof. And said Board of Fire Commissioners shall have power to prescribe the duties of the officers and members of said Fire Department; and to adopt rules and regulations for the management and discipline thereof: *provided*, that such rules and regulations shall first be approved by said Board of Supervisors. And said Board of Supervisors are authorized and required to provide and furnish for the use of said Board of Fire Commissioners a suitable room or rooms in some of the public buildings of said city and county, to serve as an office for their meetings and the transaction of business relating to said Fire Department, in

\* The Act of the Legislature, approved March 30, 1874, authorizes the Board of Supervisors to appoint a Janitor for the Board of Fire Commissioners, at a salary of seventy-five dollars per month.