

which the Clerk shall be in attendance daily during official hours. The Chief and Assistant Engineers of said Department shall also make it their headquarters daily during office hours when not otherwise engaged in official duties.

SEC. 8. The persons composing the present Board of Fire Commissioners shall continue in office as such Commissioners until the expiration of their present terms of office, respectively, except in the case of the person elected or appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of John C. Merrill, who shall continue in office only until the first Monday in December, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, when he shall be succeeded by the person elected by the people of said city and county at the general election to be held that year as hereinafter provided. At the general election to be held in said city and county, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, there shall be elected by the qualified electors thereof, three persons as Fire Commissioners, to hold office for the term of four years each from the first Monday of December of said year, who shall enter upon the discharge of their duties as such Fire Commissioners upon that date, and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. At the general election to be held in the year one thousand, eight hundred and seventy-seven, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of said city and county, two persons as Fire Commissioners, to hold office for the term of four years each from the first Monday of December next ensuing and until their successors are elected and qualified. And at every general election thereafter there shall be elected by the qualified voters of said city and county, one or more persons (as the case may be) as Fire Commissioners, to fill vacancies then existing in unexpired terms, or for full terms of four years each, or for both such terms as may be found necessary. Should any vacancy occur in the office of Fire Commissioner by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Board of Supervisors of said city and county shall appoint some suitable person to fill the same until the next general election, when a person shall be elected as Fire Commissioner for the unexpired term by the qualified electors of said city and county.

SEC. 9. Said Board of Fire Commissioners shall supervise and control said Fire Department, its officers and members, subject to the laws governing the same, and shall see that the officers and members thereof faithfully discharge their duties, and that the laws, orders, and regulations relating thereto are carried into operation and effect. They shall not, nor shall either of them, or the Chief or Assistant Engineers of said Fire Department be interested in any contract pertaining in any manner to said Department, or in the sale or furnishing of apparatus or supplies for the same; and all contracts in violation of this section are declared void, and any of said persons violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of felony, and upon conviction may be punished accordingly.

SEC. 10. The Chief Engineer shall be the executive officer of said Fire Department, and it shall be his duty (and that of the Assistant Engineers) to see that the laws, orders, rules, and regulations concerning the same are carried into effect, and also to attend to such duties as Fire Wardens as may be required, and to see that all laws, orders, and regulations established in said city and county to secure protection against fire are enforced. It shall also be his duty to enforce the rules and regulations made from time to time, to secure discipline in said Fire Department, and he shall have power to suspend any officer or member for a violation of the same, and shall forthwith report the same to the Board of Fire Commissioners for their action. He shall diligently observe the condition of the apparatus and working of said Department, and shall, from time to time, report to said Board of Fire Commissioners upon the same, and make such recommendations and suggestions respecting it, and for securing its greater efficiency, as he may deem proper.

SEC. 11. The person elected as Clerk by said Board of Fire Commissioners shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, execute a bond in two or more sureties in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, for the faithful discharge of his duties, which shall be approved by said Board of Fire Commissioners and the Mayor of said city and county, and when so approved shall be filed in the office of the Auditor. The amount of said bond may be increased from time to time, when directed by the Board of Supervisors, should they deem it necessary for the public good. Said Clerk shall attend daily during office hours at the office of the Board of Fire Commissioners (which shall be the office of the Chief and Assistant Engineers); shall perform the duties of Clerk to said Board and the Chief Engineer, and perform such other duties as from time to time said Board may prescribe.

SEC. 12. The Mayor of said city and county is hereby authorized to sell at private or public sale from time to time, with the approval of the Board of Supervisors, any or all of the engines, hose carriages, engine houses, lots on which such houses stand, or parts of lots (or exchange any of said lots, when in their judgment demanded by the public good), or other property which shall not be required for the use of the Department, and to execute, acknowledge, and deliver good and sufficient deeds or bills of sale for the same, paying the proceeds of such sales into the General Fund of said city and county, such proceeds to be appropriated to the purchase of lots and erection of engine houses thereon as the same may be required.

SEC. 13. The Assistant Engineers of said Fire Department and Clerk shall be allowed and paid a monthly salary of one hundred and fifty dollars each.

SEC. 14. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.