

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 Laddersmen, and Stewards of volunteer companies, shall give their undivided attention to their respective duties, but the Foremen, Assistant Foremen, company Clerks, Hosemen, Hook and Laddersmen, 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 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 regula-