

# ORDINANCES

OF THE

City of Rensselaer

## RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

### CORPORATION BOUNDARY AND BOUNDARIES OF ...WARDS...

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#### ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

##### COUNCILMEN

FRANK B. MEYER, CHARLES G. SPITLER,  
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1896

#### Officers City of Rensselaer.

**Mayor**—Thomas J. McCoy.  
**Clerk**—Schuyler C. Irwin.  
**Treasurer**—Charles C. Starr.  
**Marshal**—Thomas McGowan.  
**Councilmen, First Ward**—Moses B. Alter, Frank B. Meyer.  
**Councilmen, Second Ward**—Charles G. Spitler, John C. Porter.  
**Councilmen, Third Ward**—Joseph R. Kight, Wallace Robinson.  
**City Attorney**—Charles E. Mills.  
**Chief of Fire Department**—Edgar M. Parcells.  
**Civil Engineer**—Lathrop A. Bostwick.

#### Standing Committees.

**Lights, Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks, Bridges, Public Health, Public Property**—M. B. Alter, Wallace Robinson, Joseph R. Kight.

**Finance, Claims, Ordinances, Contracts, Printing, Education**—Frank B. Meyer, Chas. G. Spitler, John C. Porter.  
**Fire Department, Fire Limits, Sewers, Drainage**—John C. Porter, Wallace Robinson, Joseph R. Kight.

**Rules Governing the Deliberations of the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, Indiana.**

Sec. 1. The Mayor or the presiding officer shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Council by any member, whose appeal shall be seconded.

Sec. 2. The Mayor or presiding officer shall decide whether any question is carried by affirmative and negative vote; but if he doubt, or a division be called for, the ayes and nays shall be called.

Sec. 3. All questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided without debate.

Sec. 4. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Council he shall arise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer, confine himself to the question and debate, and avoid personality. The chair shall not recognize any member as in order unless he be in his proper seat.

Sec. 5. No member shall impeach the motive of any other members vote or argument.

Sec. 6. If any member in any wise transgress the rules of the Council, any other member may call him to order; in which case the alleged offender shall immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain. If the question of order be decided against him, he shall be liable if the case require it to the censure of the Council. If the decision be in his favor he shall be at liberty to proceed.

Sec. 7. When the Mayor is putting a question or addressing the Council, or when any member is speaking, no member shall engage in any private discourse, nor walk across, nor leave the room unnecessarily.

Sec. 8. The previous question shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present, and until decided, shall preclude all other amendments. If decided in the affirmative the chair shall put the question first upon the pending amendments in their order, if there be any, and then upon the main proposition.

Sec. 9. Ordinances, resolutions and reports may be committed and recommitted at the pleasure of the Council.

Sec. 10. When any question has been decided in the affirmative or negative, any member voting with the majority may move a re-consideration thereof, on the same or on the next subsequent regular meeting.

Sec. 11. When the reading of any paper is called for, if objections be made, it shall be decided by the Council, and no paper shall be read if objected to, without the consent of the Council.

Sec. 12. All questions shall be propounded in the order in which they are moved, except that in filling blanks, the largest sum and the longest time shall be first put, and then the next largest sum, etc., till the blank is filled.

Sec. 13. No ordinance shall pass or be read the third time in the same meeting it was introduced, unless by the suspension of the rules, which will require a vote of two thirds of the members elect.

Sec. 14. Each ordinance shall be numbered as introduced, and when in the order of business, ordinances on their third reading are reached, the ordinances shall be taken up in the order of their number, unless the Council shall by vote, upon motion, determine to take up any one particular petition.

Sec. 14. Each petition shall be numbered as introduced and when in the order of business petitions are reached the petitions shall be taken up in order of their number, unless

the Council shall by vote, upon motion, determine to take up any one particular ordinance.

Sec. 15. The Common Council shall hold stated meetings on the second and fourth Mondays in each month.

Sec. 16. The hour of meetings shall be at 8 o'clock during the months of May, June, July and August of each year, and at 7.30 o'clock P. M. during the months of November, December, January and February of each year.

Sec. 17. No city business shall be transacted by the councilmen outside of stated or special Council meetings, except when referred to a committee by order of the Common Council at any stated or special meeting.

Sec. 18. No-smoking shall be allowed or profane or obscene language permitted in the Council chamber while the Council is in session.

Sec. 19. It shall be the duty of the Marshal to attend all meetings of the Council, by himself or deputy, and to maintain order thereat.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the deliberations of the Council, except as otherwise provided herein.

#### Order of Business.

1. Calling roll of Councilmen.
2. Reading of Journal.
3. Petitions, Memorials, Remonstrances.
4. Reports.

Committees on streets, alleys, sidewalks, light, public property and public health.  
 Committee on finance, education, ordinances, rules, purchasing and claims.

Committee on fire department, sewers and drains.

5. Reports from special committees.
6. Reports from officers:

Clerk,  
 Treasurer,  
 Marshal,  
 Attorney,  
 Chief Fire Department,  
 Civil Engineer.

7. Ordinances on third reading.
8. Ordinances on second reading.
9. Introduction of ordinances.
10. Resolutions.
11. Unfinished business.
12. Miscellaneous business.

#### The Boundaries of the City of Rensselaer.

Commencing at the North-east corner of the south-east (SE.  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) Quarter of Section Nineteen, (19), Township Twenty-nine (29), North Range Six (6) West, and running thence west on the line dividing the North half from the South half in said Section Nineteen, (19), to the north-west corner of the South-west (SW.  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) Quarter of said Section; thence south on the West line of said Sec. 19 to a point Six hundred and sixty (660) feet north of the South-west corner of said Section; thence west Six hundred and Fifteen (615) feet parallel with the south line of Section Twenty-four (24), Township Twenty-nine, (29), North, Range Seven (7) West; thence south parallel with the east line of said Section Twenty-four (24), Six hundred and sixty (660) feet to the south line of said Section Twenty-four (24); thence west on the south line of said Section Twenty-four (24) Fifty and three fourths (50 &  $\frac{3}{4}$ ) feet to the east one-sixteenth (1-16) corner on the north line of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Twenty-nine (29), North, Range Seven (7) west; thence south on the east one-sixteenth (1-16) line to the east one-sixteenth (1-16) corner on the south line of said Section Twenty-five (25); thence east six hundred and fifty-five and two thirds (665 &  $\frac{2}{3}$ ) feet to the south-east corner of said Section Twenty-five (25); thence east along the south line of Section Thirty (30) Township Twenty-nine, (29), North, Range six (6) west, to the south-east corner of said Section Thirty (30); thence north along the east line of Sections Thirty (30) and Nineteen (19) to the North-east corner of the South-east (SE.  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) Quarter of Section Nineteen, (19), Township Twenty-nine (29), North, Range Six (6) west, the last named point being the place of beginning, all in Jasper County, Indiana.

#### The Boundaries of the Several Wards of the City of Rensselaer.

##### WARD NO. I.

Beginning on the easterly side of said City at a point at the junction of Melville and Cedar streets; thence west along Cedar street to Division street; thence southerly along Division street to Washington street; thence westerly along Washington street and McCoy Avenue to the Iroquois River to the Corporation line of said City. Comprising all the territory South and Easterly from said line above described which shall be known as the 1st. ward.

##### WARD NO. III.

Beginning at the junction of Cullen and Washington streets; thence northerly along Cullen street to Forest street; thence north on Forest street to the Corporation line on the north boundary of said City. Comprising all that territory lying west of the line above described and north of the first ward within the corporate limits of said City, which shall be known as the second ward.

##### WARD NO. III.

All of that territory lying north of Cedar and Washington streets and east of Cullen and Forrest streets within the corporate limits of said City, shall be known as the third ward.

#### Ordinance No. 1.

##### Fast Riding, Unicycles, Bicycles, Tricycles, Motor-Cycles and Aericycles.

An ordinance regarding public safety, comfort and convenience.

Ordained and Established May 25th, 1896.

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, Ind.: That whoever shall ride any unicycle, bicycle, tricycle, motor-cycle or aerocycle along any street, alley, lane, market space or common of said city faster than at the rate of eight miles an hour, or who shall ride any unicycle, bicycle, tricycle, motor-cycle or aerocycle along any street, alley, lane, market space or common of said city between sunset and sunrise without a lamp in good order, filled, trimmed and properly lighted attached to the front of said wheel so as to throw a light in front of the wheel at least fifty feet, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any proper tribunal shall be fined therefore for every such offense in any sum not less than two nor more than twenty dollars.

Sec. 2. That any person convicted of having ridden, driven or led, or caused to be ridden, driven or led, any horse or other animal or more than one of such animals; or having driven or caused to be driven any vehicle, drawn by any animal or animals along any street, lane, alley, market space or common of said city faster than at the rate of eight miles an hour, shall be fined for every such offense in any sum not less than two nor more than twenty dollars.

Sec. 3. Whereas, An emergency exists, this ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage and publication in the Ordinances of the City of Rensselaer according to law.

#### Ordinance No. 2.

##### Powers and Duties of the Health Officer.

An Ordinance Defining the Powers and Duties of the Health Officer.

Ordained and established June 22, 1896.

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, Jasper County, Indiana: That the Health Officer of said city, chosen by said Council, shall have the power to take measures, whenever by him deemed necessary for the security of said city, to prevent the introduction therinto of contagious or infectious diseases, and to cause immediate and safe removal of any person found therein infected with any such disease, and the Mayor, Marshal and all other officers of said city are required to aid such Health Officer in discharging the duties hereby imposed upon him.

Sec. 2. Said Health Officer, when by him deemed proper, shall recommend to said Council such measures as he thinks necessary to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious, malignant and dangerous disease.

Sec. 3. Said Health Officer may select and report to said Council such temporary hospitals and other preparations as he may deem necessary to be established or taken in anticipation, or in consequence of prevalence of any epidemic, infectious, contagious or malignant disease.

Sec. 4. Said Health Officer shall have the power to establish and enforce all by-laws, rules and regulations necessary for exacting the observance by all inhabitants and visitors of said city, all such sanitary regulations and restrictions as may be deemed by said Health Officer best calculated to prevent the prevalence or spread among them of such disease as aforesaid, for requiring inhabitants of said city who may not have had the small-pox, or not protected against it by vaccination, to report or submit themselves to said Board, or to some regular physician for vaccination and also for prohibiting all not so protected from admission into any public school of said city.

Sec. 5. Said Health Officer whenever he may deem such publication proper, shall announce in one or more newspapers of said city the prevalence therein of any disease, such as aforesaid, shall take means to ascertain its extent and make report thereof through said paper or papers.

Sec. 6. Said Health Officer shall report to said Council all expenses necessarily incurred by him in discharging the duties required of him, and paid out of the treasury of said city.

Sec. 7. That the Health Officer is hereby clothed with police powers, and is authorized in the performance of his duties to enter and fully examine any building, residence or other property within two miles of the city limits. The Mayor, Marshal and Police are hereby required to aid the said Health Officer in the discharge of his duties.

Sec. 8. That the Health Officer shall have full power and authority to enter into and upon any street, alley, lot, ground, dwelling house, out-house, shed or building of any kind, either public or private, for the purpose of examining the same, as to whether nuisance or uncleanliness exists, prejudicial to the public health, and if he finds that there is on, in or about any such street, alley, lot, ground, dwelling house, out-house, shed or building any nuisance or uncleanliness, he may immediately notify the person residing on such street fronting such nuisance, or the owner or occupant of house or building wherein such uncleanliness exists, or the owner or occupant of property bordering on such street or alley where such nuisance or uncleanliness exists, to immediately remove or abate, or cause to be removed or abated such nuisance or uncleanliness, and if such person or persons shall fail or refuse to comply with the requirements of said Health Officer as above set forth, the person or persons so offending, upon conviction, shall be fined in any sum not less than One (\$1) Dollar nor more than Fifty (\$50) Dollars, and it shall be the duty of the Mayor at the time of rendering a judgment for such fine to order the Marshal to remove or abate such nuisance or uncleanliness at the expense and cost of such owner or occupant, or both, if both are notified as aforesaid: as the case may be.

Sec. 9. All Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 10. Whereas, An emergency exists, this ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage, and publication according to law.

#### Ordinance No. 3.

An ordinance regulating peddling within the City of Rensselaer, providing penalties for its violation, and declaring an emergency.

Ordained and established June 22, 1896.

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, Jasper County, Indiana: That it shall be unlawful for any person to peddle, or expose for sale, from house to house in said City or to take orders at retail to persons not dealers in such commodities, any goods, wares or merchandise, without first having procured a license therefor from the City Clerk, to be issued upon payment of Fifty (50) cents each, Clerks fee and the additional sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar per day, Five (\$5.00) Dollars per week, and Ten (\$10.00) Dollars per month, according to the length of time for which said license is granted.

Provided: That nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to require a license for the vending of produce, baker's goods, milk or ice.

Sec. 2. Any person who shall violate any provision of the foregoing section, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not exceeding Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars; and each sale or offer for sale, of any goods, wares or merchandise, in violation thereof, shall constitute a separate offense.

Sec. 3. Whereas, An emergency exists; this ordinance shall be in force two weeks from and after its passage and publication in the Ordinances of the City of Rensselaer, according to law.

#### Ordinance No. 4.

##### Restraining Hawking.

An ordinance to restrain Hawking.

(Ordained and established June 22nd, 1896).

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, Indiana: That it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in Hawking within said City without obtaining a license therefor, and otherwise complying with the provisions of this ordinance.

Sec. 2. The license fee required of every person desiring to engage in Hawking within said City shall be as follows, viz:

For one day—Five (\$5.00) Dollars.

For two days—Seven (\$7.00) Dollars.

For one week—Ten (\$10.00) Dollars.

For two weeks—Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars.

For one month—Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars.

For each additional month—Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars.

Provided: That no license shall be issued for a longer