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Ordinance for the government of the markets of the city of New Orleans for the year 1876, and providing for the sale of the revenues thereof.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That after five days' notice in the official journal, the Administrator of Commerce shall sell at public auction, or adjudicate, on sealed proposals at his office, the revenues of the public markets, for such time and on such terms and conditions as the Council may prescribe, the city reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

SEC. 2. That the purchaser or lessee of such revenues shall not be entitled to collect other dues than those hereinafter mentioned, and the occupants of the stalls and stands of the several markets of the city and the vendors in said markets are hereby required to pay for said stalls, stands and privileges, at the following rates:

For butchers' stalls, including block, forty-five cents per day, and for each corner table an additional sum of five cents. The dimensions of the butchers' stalls shall be three by eight feet, or as near that measurement as the plan and construction of the market will permit.

For fish, game and vegetable stalls, three by four feet, fifteen cents per day.

For fruit and all other stands not specified herein, open all day, two cents per day for each and every square superficial foot of space occupied.

For coffee and chocolate stands, three by eight feet, thirty-five cents per pay, and two cents per day for every additional foot, and for each corner table an additional sum of five cents, and it shall be the duty of the City Surveyor to designate which are corner tables.

All occupants of stalls and stands are required to return the same to the lessees in as good condition as when received, and the lessees of markets are required to return the stalls, stands and fixtures of the markets to the city in as good condition as when received from the city.

SEC. 3. That all kinds of meat, fowl, game, fish, vegetables and all other articles of human food may be bought and sold at all the markets, except that no fish, fruit or vegetables shall be sold in the Beef Market of the Second District, add no fresh meat of any kind shall be sold in the Vegetable Market of the same district.

SEC. 4. That each and every person occupying a stall or stand in any market in this city shall have their name painted on a tin sign, in a plain and legible manner, and shall place the same in a conspicuous place over the stall or stand occupied by them; and in case any person occupying a stall or stand as aforesaid, shall not comply with this section within thirty days of the passage thereof, or shall thereafter at any time, for more than three days consecutively, not have such sign so exposed, shall be liable to a fine of ten dollars.

SEC. 5. That the markets of this city shall be open at the dawn of day, and shall close at twelve o'clock M., all the year round.

It is not intended that this section shall apply to persons occupying coffee or fruit stands, nor prevent any butcher from supplying ships, steamboats, railroads and other public conveyance on the eve of departure from the city, provided the meat so supplied be not less in quantity than a quarter.

SEC. 6. That during the half hour immediately after the closing of the markets, the occupants of stalls and stands are required to scrape, wash and cleanse the same, so as to keep them in the highest state of cleanliness.

SEC. 7. No person or persons shall be permitted to occupy or control, either directly or indirectly, more than two meat stalls or stands in any one market; and when any stall or stand shall remain unoccupied during three days consecutively, the lessee of the market shall hold the same as abandoned, and subject to the demand of any other applicant; provided, however, that the stall so vacated shall not be leased to any other than an actual occupant.

SEC. 8. That it shall be the duty of the lessees of the several markets to keep an exact register of the persons to whom they let stalls or stands, and to give certificates to the occupants thereof.

SEC. 9. That each and every cart or wagon conveying supplies to any public market in this city for sale by any person or persons occupying a stall or stalls in said markets, shall pay for each and every load twenty-five cents. All butchers' carts and all other carts and wagons owned by occupants of stalls and stands in any of the public markets, and used in conveying supplies to such stalls or stands, shall be exempt from this tax. No cart or wagon shall remain at any of said public markets except between the hours of midnight and five o'clock A. M., and between the hours of two and six o'clock P. M.

SEC. 10. That all persons are forbidden to stand, sit or lie on any of the stalls or stands of the said public markets.

SEC. 11. No person shall expose, sell or offer for sale, in any public market of this city, any unwholesome meat, or the flesh of any animal which was sick, wounded, overheated, or was given by dogs or otherwise, at or before the time the same was slaughtered, or which died from disease, accident, cooking or other means than the usual manner of slaughtering animals for food; nor shall any person sell, or expose or offer for sale, in any of the public markets of this city, any poisonous or unwholesome meat, fish, game, vegetables, poultry, or any unwholesome, or adulterated article of food; nor shall any person sell, or expose or offer for sale, the flesh of any dog, cat or any unclean animal; or the flesh of any calf, pig or lamb which was slaughtered under the age of six weeks.

SEC. 12. That no salt or corned beef or pork shall be exhibited or offered for sale in a stall except in a clean white tray, not exceeding twenty-six inches long, sixteen inches wide and ten inches deep. The occupant of stalls may also keep a light box in front of, or behind, his stall, not exceeding the dimensions of the tray, for keeping such meat in. No [illegible] will be allowed in any of the markets except by written permission of the Administrator of Commerce.

SEC. 13. That no fresh or vegetables shall be sold in any of the markets between sunset and sunrise of any day.

SEC. 14. The square shall be sold in the middle of the city.

SEC. 15. That it shall not be lawful to [illegible] any fish in any public market, [illegible] only for the purpose of [illegible] with [illegible] or [illegible] under market or[illegible]

SEC. 16. That the houses of the said public markets, the market and the [illegible] shall be kept in the neatest and best [illegible] order, and shall [illegible] and [illegible] in December; [illegible] with all [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] of the [illegible] of