Donaldsonville Chief.

The Code Ordinances

OF THE

TOWN of DONALDSONVILLE.

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CHAPTER XXVII.—OFFICERS AND THEIR SALARIES.

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MAYOR.

Sec. 143.—*Be it ordained*, That beside the general duties of the Mayor, as now established, he shall [have] the powers and perform the duties hereinafter provided.

Sec. 144.—That he shall affix the seal of the corporation to all its official acts; he shall see that the laws and ordinances be properly and faithfully executed; he shall have general supervision of all matters relating to the protection of the public and private property, the preservation of public order and peace, and the enforcement of the ordinances relative thereto; he shall call extra meetings of the Council whenever he shall deem the same necessary, or whenever three members of the same shall, in writing, stating the object thereof, request him to do so; he shall from time to time lay before the Council a full statement of the affairs of the corporation. It shall be his duty to report to the council all officers and persons employed by the corporation who fail to perform their duty, or commit any act for which they should be removed from office; he shall sign and cause to be published all ordinances and resolutions passed in due form by the Council.

Sec. 145.—It shall be the duty of the Mayor to keep four well bound books.

In the first book he shall inscribe the date and amount of all notes or bonds, the date of their maturity, the place of their payment, and the date and number of the resolution authorizing their issuance. All notes or bonds already issued shall be likewise inscribed.

In the second book he shall inscribe the number and amount of all warrants by him drawn and approved, their nature, together with the date thereof and the names of the persons in whose favor drawn.

In the third book he shall inscribe the receipts of the Collector or Treasurer or Constable for all blank licenses received by them respectively, specifying therein the nature and number of the same; and also receipts of all his settlements with them.

In the fourth book he shall inscribe the record of all cases tried before him as Justice of the Peace, together with a correct account of all the fines imposed and the amount collected.

Sec. 146.—He shall receive such annual salary, to be paid quarterly on his own warrant, as may be fixed by the Board of Common Council, to whom is reserved the right of amending and modifying when they shall think it necessary all ordinances fixing the salaries of the officers of the corporation.

ARTICLE II.—TREASURER.

Sec. 147.—*Be it ordained*, That the Treasurer shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, give bond with good and sufficient security in the sum of three thousand dollars, and receive a salary of two hundred and fifty dollars to be paid quarterly on his own warrant certified to be correct by the clerk of the Board and countersigned by the Mayor to be correct.

He shall receive besides 2½ per cent. commission for collecting all notes payable at his office and to his order as Treasurer.

Sec. 148.—That he shall keep his office at the municipal buildings unless allowed by the Board to have it elsewhere. It is his duty—

To keep a regular set of books in which fair entries shall be made of all things pertaining to or done in his office.

To keep a regular account of all the receipts and expenditures of the corporation which he shall submit to the examination of the Common Council, together with a statement of the situation of the treasury quarterly; which statement shall succinctly specify the amount of moneys, notes, obligations, etc., that he may have received during the current quarter, the different sources of revenues from which such moneys, notes and obligations may have been received; stating also the amount of moneys paid out during the same time and for what purpose or class of expenditures, and finally showing by the balance the amount of cash in the treasury; which balance will commence the account of the succeeding quarter. He shall at the same time produce all vouchers on which he has paid out money, the amount of money on hand, or the certificate of the cashier of some solvent bank that the amount is there deposited, so that all the amounts due to and by the corporation may clearly and distinctly appear.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to lay before the Council at its regular monthly meetings, a succinct statement of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding week, showing the balance of the treasury at the commencement of the month, the amount received and paid out during the month, and the balance of cash on hand, which balance will commence the amount to be rendered the succeeding month.

To receive all money paid to the corporation from every source, and to pay it out only on such warrants, orders or drafts as legally drawn according to the provisions of these ordinances.

To register the number of licenses signed by him and given to the Collector or Constable.

To make proper entries of all money received by him, from whom and from what sources of revenue, and of the amounts paid out by him on account of the corporation, to whom and for what purpose.

To require an oath or affirmation (to be administered by him) from any collector of taxes or other revenues before receiving any claim against the corporation, that he has received the same in payment of town dues for the full amount expressed on the face of such claim, and that he has not directly or indirectly speculated in the public money.

To carefully file and preserve in his office all books and papers which may be delivered to him by virtue of his office, and to deliver over to his successor in office or to the Board of Common Council, the same together with all moneys, accounts and other property belonging to his office.

To attend at all meetings of the Board.

To perform all other duties required by these ordinances and by-laws, and generally all other duties, under the direction of the Mayor, which Treasurers of corporations are required or accustomed to perform.

Sec. 148.—That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to make a full and definitive settlement with the Town Council at each annual May meeting of and concerning all moneys, notes, obligations, etc., paid into and out of such treasury during the municipal year, for which purpose he shall submit to them all his books, accounts, vouchers, official papers, property, bonds, notes, obligations, securities, claims, assets, effects and other papers, accompanied with a condensed tabular statement clearly exhibiting the receipts and expenditures of the public money during said year, specifying the amount of money in the treasury at the beginning of said year, the amount received within said year from each of the several sources of revenues, the amount paid out during the same period, and the total amount remaining in the treasury at the close of said municipal year.

ARTICLE III.—SECRETARY.

Sec. 149.—*Be it ordained*, That the Secretary shall receive a salary of two hundred and fifty dollars per annum, payable quarterly on his own warrant duly approved and countersigned by the Mayor, and for his other services—

For every copy, by 100 words,	$0 50
For every certificate,	50

He shall keep his office in the municipal buildings, where he shall attend from 9 o'clock A. M. to 3 o'clock P. M.

His duty shall be:

To keep a correct record of all the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

To attend at all the meetings of the Board and make proper entries of all orders, resolutions, ordinances, opinions and proceeding of the Board.

To keep a separate book in which shall be entered in full all ordinances, by-laws and resolutions adopted by Board, with full and complete index thereto.

To carefully file and preserve in his office all books and papers which may be delivered to him by virtue of his office.

To keep at all times the office free and accessible to any person having a right or claim of business therein.

To examine all accounts for the salary of officers or all others whose total is fixed by resolution or ordinance and certify as to their correctness or incorrectness before they are presented to the proper authority for allowance or approval.

To deliver a copy of the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen, within five days after each session, to the official journal for publication, also a certified copy of all laws, ordinances, resolutions, opinions and proclamations, required to be published, for that purpose.

To carefully file and preserve in his office a copy of all the official journals containing the deliberations of each session of the Board, or of ordinances, resolutions, etc.

To perform all other duties required by the city ordinances or by-laws.

ARTICLE IV.—CONSTABLE.

Sec. 150.—*Be it ordained*, That the Constable shall give bond in the sum of four hundred dollars, and shall receive a salary of three hundred dollars per annum to be paid monthly. For his other services he shall receive the following compensation:

For transmitting each order of the Mayor,	$2 00
For every fine imposed on individuals, collected by him, 25 per cent.	
For dues of wharf or ferries, when collected by him, in case of forfeitures or otherwise, 10 per cent.	
For publishing all notices,	1 00
For burying any dead animal, such as horses, mules, horned cattle,	1 50
For burying any other quadruped,	50
For each arrest,	1 00
His commission on the sale of any animal, 10 per cent.	
For collecting licenses from circuses and other public exhibitions, 20 per cent.	

Sec. 151.—He is required to devote his attention to the preservation of the peace, quiet and good order of the town and the enforcement of the by-laws and ordinances throughout the town.

Sec. 152.—He shall have power to arrest all persons found in the act of violating any law or ordinance or aiding or abetting in any such violation, all persons found under suspicious circumstances.

And shall take such persons to the town jail and notify the Mayor thereof.

Sec. 153.—He shall have power and authority to serve and execute warrants and other processes for the apprehension and commitment of persons charged with or held for examination or trial, or taken in execution for the commission of any crime or misdemeanor, or violation of any law or ordinance of the town.

Sec. 154.—While making such arrest or while executing or serving or assisting in the execution or service of any such warrant or process, he shall be vested with and have power to call any and all persons to aid and assist him in the execution of his duties, who shall promptly render such aid and assistance, under penalty of twenty-five dollars.

Sec. 155.—He shall attend at the Mayor's court and at the Mayor's office at such times as the Mayor may direct.

Sec. 156.—He shall perform all other duties required of him by the ordinances and by-laws.

ARTICLE V.—ASSESSOR.

Sec. 157.—*Be it ordained*, That the assessor shall receive as compensation for taking a description of taxable property in the corporation, the sum of ——— dollars, to be paid by the Treasurer on the warrant of the Mayor, after a copy of the roll to be lodged with the Secretary shall have been received and approved by the Board of Aldermen.

For the duties of assessor, see *supra* article 3, assessment and collection of taxes, chapter xxxviii.

ARTICLE VI.—COLLECTOR.

Sec. 158.—*Be it ordained*, That the Collector shall, before commencing the discharge of his duties, give bond and security in the sum of one thousand dollars, and shall receive all taxes and licenses collected by him and paid into the town treasury a commission of ten per cent. on the former and five per cent. on the latter.

For the duties of Collector see *supra* art. 2, Tax Collector and collection of taxes, chapter xxxviii.

ARTICLE VII.—PRINTER.

Sec. 159.—*Be it ordained*, That it shall be the duty of the Printer to give a copy of his journal containing the deliberations of each session of the Board of Aldermen to the Secretary of the corporation as evidence of his having published the same, and as a reference.

Sec. 160.—That his compensation shall be payable quarterly on his own warrant approved by the Secretary and countersigned by the Mayor.

For his other duties, see *infra*, chapter 1, secs. 2, 3.

ARTICLE VIII.—ATTORNEY.

Sec. 161.—*Be it ordained*, That there shall be elected annually by the Board of Aldermen a City Attorney, whose duties shall be:

To institute and carry on all actions in the name of the corporation to final judgment, and to defend all suits brought against it.

To give his opinion in meeting on questions of law to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen whenever requested.

To reduce to writing all contracts where the city is a party, and approve such written contracts before the same are perfected.

To pay over all money collected by him as attorney for the corporation, within five days after the collection thereof.

Sec. 162.—He shall be paid a salary of ——— dollars, payable quarterly upon his own warrant, approved by the Secretary and countersigned by the Mayor, and the further sum of five per cent. commission on any amount he may receive in any suit in favor of the corporation, and a fee of five per cent. on the amount sued for when the corporation is defendant.

ARTICLE IX.—SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

Sec. 163.—*Be it ordained*, That there shall be annually elected by the Board of Aldermen a Sergeant-at-Arms whose duty shall be to attend at all meetings of the board and to execute all the orders of said Board.

The sum of ——— dollars shall be allowed him for each sitting thereof as full compensation, on the warrant of the Mayor countersigned by the Secretary.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO POLICE IN GENERAL.

Sec. 164.—*Be it ordained*, That no person shall be guilty of fighting or quarreling, or of any riotous, indecent or disorderly conduct in the streets, houses or anywhere else in the corporation, nor of abusing, provoking or disturbing, either by word or action, any person in or walking in any street, road or public way.

Nor shall show or expose in public any writing, sign, drawing, print, caricature, statue, or any other object which may excite scandal, or has a tendency to disturb the public peace.

Nor shall break down, destroy, injure or carry away any trees or their casings, planted for ornament, any fence or any part thereof, any bridge, or the steps, or blinds, or doors of houses.

Nor shall deface, break or carry away any sign, board or plate indicating the name, residence, occupation or business of any person, or any private or public lamp.

Nor shall destroy, break down, mutilate or deface any tomb, grave or sepulchral monument erected in any burying ground, or in any way violating the same.

Nor shall drive or ride through the streets at a rapid or dangerous rate of speed, or ride or drive upon the sidewalks or in the ditches within the limits of the corporation, or leave any vehicle of any kind in the streets at night.

Nor shall discharge any firearms within the limits of the corporation.

Nor shall allow any animal to roam in the streets of the town after 9 o'clock at night.

Nor shall allow to roam in the streets any animal which is vicious, or which has the glanders or other contagious diseases, nor any stallion or bull, nor any cattle with a cow bell attached to them.

Under penalty of a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars for every violation of any of the acts prohibited by this section.

Sec. 165.—That upon the complaint of three inhabitants of the town, or the Constable and two inhabitants, declaring that any private house is a public nuisance, or is kept in a disorderly manner, it shall be the duty of the Mayor to cite the owner or occupant thereof to appear before him within the time fixed by him to answer said complaint; and if upon examination the Mayor find said complaint well founded, he shall order the same to be closed and shall condemn the person or persons causing said disorder to a fine of not more than fifty or less than five dollars. This section shall also apply to licensed houses, and the penalty may, in addition to the above, be the forfeiture of the license with prohibition to obtain another one during the year.

CHAPTER XXIX.—ROADS.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO ROADS.

Sec. 166.—*Be it ordained*, That the public roads shall have an acclivity towards their centre, and shall be bounded on the right and left by draining ditches; they shall also be crossed by a sufficient number of draining ditches, and they must at all times be practicable for all kinds of carriages, so that the communication may not in any season be interrupted.

Sec. 167.—The draining ditches on the right and on the left of the highroads shall be at least two feet wide as their opening by one foot or one foot and a half in depth; nor shall any ditch be dug within at least two feet of the levee.

Sec. 168.—Every ditch crossing a public road shall be covered over in its whole extent with a bridge made of plank two inches thick, at least twenty feet long; the plank shall be laid on a level with the road, and shall rest on strong joists to which they shall be nailed with all necessary solidity.

Sec. 169.—The works necessary for making and keeping in repair the said bridges, ditches and levees shall be commenced every year in the course of the month of July, or at latest in the course of the month of August, and they shall be completed by the 1st of October following, at farthest.

Sec. 170.—The Board of Public Works shall superintend all the works above prescribed, either causing the same to be done by hired laborers, or by contract to be adjudged to the person offering to contract for the same on the lowest terms, after the said works to be contracted for shall have been ten days advertised in the official journal; said board having the right to reject any and all bids.

CHAPTER XXX.—SHOWS, THEATRES, EXHIBITIONS, ETC.

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE, ETC.

Sec. 171.—*Be it ordained*, That it shall not be lawful for any person to exhibit any theatrical or any equestrian performance, panorama, diorama or paintings, or any rare or uncommon animal or person, or rope dancing, or feat of strength or agility, or any performance or show where the public are admitted for money or reward; nor for street musicians to perform upon any musical instrument in any street of the town for money, unless they shall have a license from the Mayor, under penalty of fifty dollars.

The tax of said shows, etc., shall be as follows:

Circus, first day,	$25 00
" each day after the first, when the representations shall succeed each other,	12 00
All other shows and exhibitions, first representation,	2 50
All subsequent representations, when they shall succeed each other, per day,	1 00

Sec. 172.—That the Mayor, at the request of the manager of any theatre or other public exhibition, may appoint the number of police officers required, to attend the same every night of performance, who shall be paid by the manager for their services, and whose duty it is:

To preserve strict order and decorum; to arrest and eject any person who may be creating riots or disturbance, either by loud or boisterous talking, whistling, swearing or hallooing, or any ungentlemanly or indecent acts or misconduct.

And they are vested with full power and authority to call upon any person to aid or assist them in the performance of their duty.

Sec. 173.—That any person guilty of any of the acts prohibited by the last section, shall be fined ten dollars, and when arrested by the police may be required to give good security for his appearance before the Mayor or other Justice of the Peace on that day or the next, and in default thereof may be committed to the parish jail.

CHAPTER XXXI.—STRAY ANIMALS.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO, AND KEEPER OF THE POUND.

Sec. 174.—*Be it ordained*, That there shall be annually appointed by the Council a Keeper of the Pound for Stray Animals.

Sec. 175.—The Keeper of the Pound shall have a lot of ground and stables sufficiently large to admit all the animals entrusted to his care, and he shall place above the gate of entry a sign with the words "Pound for Stray Animals."

Sec. 176.—Said Keeper of the Pound is hereby vested with full power to the same extent as is vested in the Constable, to arrest all the stray animals in the streets, public ways and squares, in conformity with the existing ordinances.

Sec. 177.—It shall be the duty of the Keeper of said Pound, within twenty-four hours after any animal whatsoever shall have been brought to the Pound and not reclaimed by the owner, to give public notice thereof in the official journal, that if within a delay of ten days the said animal is not claimed it shall be sold for the payment of the fine and the expenses occasioned; and at the expiration of the aforesaid delay, if the animal is not claimed, said Keeper shall cause the same to be sold at public auction; and he shall render an account of the proceeds of the sale to the Treasurer.

Sec. 178.—The Keeper of the Pound shall not deliver any stray animal arrested and brought to the Pound, without an order from the Mayor, who shall receive the fines imposed by virtue of the existing ordinances; provided, however, that the Mayor shall have power to remit such fines whenever in his discretion he may deem it equitable so to do; the keeper shall receive from the proprietor for taking up any animal under existing ordinances and conducting the same to the Pound, one dollar, and for keeping and feeding each animal fifty cents per day.

Sec. 179.—That the Keeper of the Pound for stray animals shall remain responsible for any animal which may escape after having been in his possession.

Sec. 180.—The Keeper of the Pound shall keep a correct register of all stray animals brought each day to the Pound with specification of the time and place of arrest, by whom made, and of the peculiar marks of the animal; he shall furnish every day to the Mayor a list of the arrests made on the day preceding.

Sec. 181.—That the fines imposed by the ordinance relative to stray animals shall be one-half for the benefit of the corporation, and the other half shall be allowed to the Keeper of the Pound in addition to the above fees, in full compensation for all his services.

CHAPTER XXXII.—STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

Sec. 182.—*Be it ordained*, That the streets of the town shall be sixty feet wide (French measure) from wall to wall, and shall correspond in every particular with the provisions of the ordinance relative to roads. *Infra*, chapter xxix, sec. 167 *et seq.*

Sec. 183.—That no person shall erect, rebuild or enlarge any house, building or fence fronting on any street in the town so as to encroach on the line of the street, under a penalty of fifty dollars, and any house, building or fence which may be placed so that it encroaches on the street is a nuisance, and shall be removed back to the proper line of the street, under a penalty of ten dollars for every day it continues.

Sec. 184.—That it is not lawful for any person employed in building or repairing any house, store or other building to lay or place bricks, boards, timber, or any material in the streets so as to occupy more than one third of the middle of any street, under penalty of twenty dollars.

Sec. 185.—That no person shall dig, haul or carry away any earth or materials of any kind from any street, nor from any ditch opened or excavated. Nor cut, fell, break, strip off the bark, or damage any tree which is planted in any walk, square, street, road or public way. Nor permit any wall, house or other building or erection to remain standing, if the Mayor notifies him that he is of the opinion that they are liable to fall and endanger the lives of persons passing, under penalty for each infraction of a fine of ten dollars.

Sec. 186.—That there shall be placed the name of each street in legible painted letters at one of the corners at the intersection of each street, right and left alternately.

REGULATION OF SIDEWALKS.

Sec. 187.—*Be it ordained*, That the owner, or claimant, or occupier of every lot of ground shall make or cause to be made, and keep in repair, to the whole extent and front of his property, a sidewalk, according to the level and graduation to be furnished by the Mayor.

Sec. 188.—It shall be the duty of all persons desiring to make or repair their sidewalks in front of their property, to notify the Mayor whose duty it shall be to fix the lines thereof; and every person neglecting to inform the Mayor shall be subject to a fine of five dollars.

Sec. 189.—When sidewalks shall be made of lake bricks with a brick wall towards the ditch, the Board will reimburse the proprietor one-third of the cost thereof, provided the same does not cost more than thirty-five cents per square yard.

Sec. 190.—No person shall obstruct, embarrass or incumber any side-walk with bales, lumber, fire-wood, carts, drays, wagons, goods, wares or merchandise, or any article.

Nor sell or offer for sale at public auction or outcry in the streets, or on the sidewalk, any horses, cattle or live stock.

Nor to permit any walls, houses, or other buildings that are in a broken or ruinous condition, liable to fall or endanger the lives of persons passing by, to remain or otherwise obstruct the side-walk under penalty of fifty dollars and ten dollars for each day that any violation of this section continues.

Sec 191.—No steps shall project on the sidewalks more than two feet, under penalty of two dollars for each day after notification, that the same shall so remain.

Sec. 192.—That when any article is found obstructing or encumbering the sidewalks or streets of the town, and the owner is unknown, the Constable or other officer under the direction of the Mayor, shall cause such obstructions to be taken to some place of safety, to be held five days; at the expiration of that time it shall be sold, after giving three days' notice of the time and place. The proceeds shall be paid into the city treasury, after deducting the expenses and costs, and if the proceeds are not called for by the owner within sixty days shall be forfeited to the town.

Sec. 193.—That all persons or tenants of houses, yards, lots or grounds fronting on any street, shall sweep or cause to be swept, and clean or cause to be cleaned that part of the sidewalk that lies before their premises, every day before ten o'clock in the morning, under penalty of one dollar.

CHAPTER XXXIII.—TAXES AND TAXATION.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES AND LICENSES.

Article 1. Assessor and assessment of taxes.

Article 2. Collector and collection of taxes.

ARTICLE I.—ASSESSOR AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES.

Sec. 194.—*Be it ordained*, That the Assessor shall keep his office in the municipal buildings, and devote his time and attention to the duties of his office, and shall hold the books and papers relating to his office, at all times during business hours, open and free to the inspection of every person.

Sec. 195.—That the Assessor shall proceed soon after the first of September, by diligent inquiry, to ascertain the names of all the inhabitants of the town of Donaldsonville who are liable for licenses or for property, or both; and, also, to make a full and complete assessment of all the real and personal property within the corporation, which shall be completed for each ensuing year, before the first Monday of February.

Sec. 196.—In order to aid him in doing this, the Assessor shall appoint in each ward of the town, a time and place for taking assessments, notice of which shall be given by advertisement for ten days of publication in the official journal.

Sec. 197.—Assessor's Notice:

Notice is hereby given that on the (14th day of December, 1871), I will attend at (A. B. C's.,) on Chetimaches street, between the hours of (9 A. M.) and (4 P. M.,) to assess the property in the (first ward), at which time and place all persons are required to give in their assessment of property.

SEARCH WELL, Assessor.
Donaldsonville, 1st December, 1871.

At which time all persons shall be required to give their assessments of all property liable to taxation under the Revenue law of the State, in their possession or under their control in any manner, and to give the value of each of said objects of taxation, and if any person fail or refuse so to give their assessment, the assessor shall proceed according to his knowledge and the best information he can obtain, to do so himself; and any description of property so made in default of the taxpayer to furnish a description thereof as aforesaid, or to correct the same when the assessment roll is opened for inspection as hereinafter provided, shall be valid in law against such taxpayer, any error therein to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 198.—At such time and place he shall attend and shall well and truly assess the property of every person, setting forth a list and description of the property, its value, the name of the party assessed and his business. He shall use all diligence to ascertain all persons and property that are subject to assessment and assess them. And when the owners do not reside within the corporate limits, or are not known, they shall be designated as "non-residents" or "unknown owners," and he shall assess their property on the same assessment rolls, but in a part thereof seperate from the other assessment.

Sec. 199.—In ascertaining all assessments, the property to be assessed, the owner, its value, its description, or any other matter within the range of the duties of assessing the property, he is authorized and empowered to interrogate upon oath or affirmation each and every taxpayer or person he may have reason to believe such, and if any such person shall refuse to make oath, as above, he shall be assessed double.

Sec. 200.—When his assessment shall be complete, he shall arrange and copy alphabetically in plain and legible hand writing, in books to be furnished by the town, lists of the assessments, and shall have the books completed, and properly made up for the inspection of the town authorities, and shall return to and deposit the same to the Secretary of the Corporation, not later than the first Monday of in February, verified by his oath as follows:

"I, Search Well, Assessor of taxes for the town of Donaldsonville, solemnly swear that I have assessed all the taxable property, both real and personal, so far as I know or have been able to learn after the most diligent endeavor and inquiry, that I have valued the property so assessed and set forth in the tax list, according to the best of my knowledge and judgment.

Signed, SEARCH WELL.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of February, 1872.

E. W. MASON, Mayor.

Or by any Justice of the Peace, which shall be written at the end of the assessment lists.

The Secretary shall file the same on the day that it is returned into his office, and shall notify in writing, the Mayor of the act.

Sec. 201.—That as soon thereafter as is convenient, the Mayor and one Alderman from each ward shall meet and form a board of Assessors, and shall proceed to assess at a fair cash valuation, all property described in the descriptive rolls, and assess the number of cents on the dollar to be taxed on said property, so listed and returned by the Assessor.

For this purpose they shall give notice in the official journal during thirty days, that the assessment and tax laid thereon are ready and open for inspection, by all persons interested, and that all objections thereto must be made within said delay.

Sec. 202.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to see that the notice is given immediately, and he shall attend all meetings and record all of the proceedings of the said Board throughout their action on the assessment lists.

He shall receive and file all exceptions to the assessment lists, and shall make a docket thereof, which he shall lay before the Board.

Sec. 203. The Board of Aldermen shall meet in the Mayor's office, and shall take up, hear and determine each exception filed, and they shall be empowered to examine each party under oath, also the Assessor touching any matter connected with the said assessment, and the decision of the majority in all disputed cases shall be final.

Sec. 204.—That after the assessment is completed and revised, the Assessor assisted by the Secretary shall at once prepare a list of the assessment so corrected and revised, containing a description of the real property, with its valuation and the tax assessed and laid thereon. The amount of the personal property assessed to each person with the tax assessed and laid thereon, and the name of each person who is taxable for licenses, and shall submit said list to the Mayor.

Sec. 205.—The Mayor shall thereupon append thereto his warrant to the Tax Collector of the Corporation, as follows:

State of Louisiana,
Town of Donaldsonville, } Mayor's Office.

To the Tax Collector of the town of Donaldsonville:

You are hereby commanded to make, levy and collect of the said persons, their goods, and chattels, bonds and tenements, the several sums of money set opposite the real and personal property above described, and also the licenses herein set forth as the taxes therein for the year aforesaid, and to attach and sell the said lots and lands to make the said several sums of money and costs, and to make return of this warrant with your proceeding thereon, on or before ———

Given at Donaldsonville, this —— day of ———, 187-.

E. W. MASON, Mayor.

And the amount of said roll which he shall be presumed to have collected at the period when required by these ordinances to make his final settlement with the Treasurer, shall be charged to said Collector.

ARTICLE II.—TAX COLLECTOR AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.

Sec. 206.—*Be it ordained*, That the Tax Collector receiving the assessment rolls shall proceed to collect the taxes therein mentioned, also all licenses; for the latter purpose he shall from time to time obtain from the Treasurer as many blank licenses for trades, professions and occupations, bearing the signature of the Mayor and Treasurer, as there may be persons in the corporation pursuing such taxed trades, professions and occupations; and for this purpose he shall present to the Treasurer a list of such licenses as may be required, and receipt for the same, whereupon the Treasurer shall furnish the required number of blank licenses.

Sec. 207.—The Tax Collector shall, by twenty days' publication in the official journal, in the manner provided for judicial advertisements, give public notice of the place at which he will be present from the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. to 3 o'clock P. M. of each day, for the purpose of receiving payment from all persons indebted for taxes and licenses. Such Collector shall begin not later than the month of March of each year, after which delay of twenty days as aforesaid, the Collector or his agents shall make the demand of the tax due, either to the taxpayer or by leaving at his residence or the residence of his agent a notice to that effect, and in case said tax shall not be paid on demand, to make a return thereof on the back of the receipt of the day and manner in which such demand has been made, and that in all cases of vacant property or when the owners are unknown or absent and have left no known agent, the taxes on which property shall not have been paid, the District or Parish Judge shall, on proper application of the Tax Collector, appoint a curator *ad hoc* upon whom the above demand or notice shall be served.

Sec. 208.—That the Collector shall inscribe in a book kept for that purpose the day on which said demand and notices shall be served, as also the names of the persons on whom they shall have been served, and he shall also deliver every day to the Treasurer a list of all persons to whom such notices shall have been served.

Sec. 209—That the Tax Collector shall be required to prosecute all persons who on demand and notice as aforesaid should not pay their taxes and licenses which they owe to the corporation, and to that end to bring suit through the City Attorney in the name of the corporation, before any competent tribunal for all unpaid tax bills and licenses.

Sec. 210.—That it shall be the duty of the Tax Collector or persons employed by the Corporation in the collection of the revenues of the town, to pay to the Treasurer on Saturday of every week, all the moneys that he or they shall have received, accompanied by a written statement specifying the names of the persons from whom collected, the amounts from each, and specifying the branch of revenue to which such collection may appertain, so that the Treasurer may enter the same upon his books accordingly, to the credit of the Said Board of Revenue; and should he or they neglect so to do, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to inform the Mayor and Aldermen thereof, without delay.

Sec. 211.—The Tax Collector shall be charged with and remain accountable to the Corporation for the whole amount of the assessed taxes in each year, and he shall only be released from such liability by showing that he has used due diligence in suing for the recovery of said sums due, or the entire solvency of the person assessed of whom he has failed to collect the taxes.

Sec. 212.—That he shall inquire and ascertain during his collection every week, and report to the Mayor any and all taxable property not included in the assessment made by the City Assessor, and which is not in the list furnished to him. He shall report the property with a description of it, the owner if known, or if unknown so report it, its cash value as near as he can ascertain, verified by his own affidavit, as it is done by the Assessor, and for the objects of this section he shall have the same powers as the assessor.

The Mayor on receiving such report shall notify one alderman from each ward who shall meet with him and such property shall be assessed and taxed in the same manner as is provided for the assessment and taxation of property returned by the Corporation Assessor.

When so assessed the Mayor shall issue his warrant as before provided.

Sec. 213.—That it shall be the duty of the Collector of the taxes to make a final settlement with the Corporation Treasurer on or before the last Monday of April of each year under penalty of losing his commission and being prosecuted as a defaulter.

Sec. 214.—That the Tax Collector is required to mark on his rolls of assessment the word "paid" opposite the name of every taxpayer who has paid his or her taxes; and shall furthermore enter in a book or books, to be provided by the corporation, and kept specially for that purpose, all moneys received by him in payment of taxes and licenses. The entries so made, shall bear the date of payment, the person so paying, the nature of tax or license, with the year for which the payment is made and the amount paid; and a failure on the part of the Tax Collector so to mark the assessment rolls or to prepare and keep such books as aforesaid, will subject him to a fine of five hundred dollars to be sued for and recovered by the City Attorney.

CHAPTER XXXIV.—WHARF.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE WHARF AND WHARF DUES.

Sec. 215.—*Be it further ordained*, That the Treasurer of the corporation shall, annually on the 2nd day of January (unless such day shall fall on a Sunday, in which case on the next day), to rent for one year, to the highest bidder, after fifteen days' notice previously given in the official journal, specifying the time, place and conditions, the wharf and landing dues.

Sec. 216.—The farmer shall furnish his twelve several promissory notes payable on the last day of each month, in representation of the price of adjudication, of equal value, with a good and solvent security in solido, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Town of Donaldsonville at his office, and bearing eight per cent. per annum interest from maturity until paid. He shall besides furnish a bond with good solvent security in the sum of $100 00 for the faithful performance of his duties as wharfinger.

The securities above mentioned shall be accepted by the Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Board of Aldermen, to whom the Treasurer is to make his report, at a meeting thereof to be called by the Mayor within three days after the aforesaid adjudications. And in case the Board does not accept the security offered, then the farmer shall furnish other good and solvent security to be accepted in a like manner within the delay to be fixed by said Board; and on his failure to furnish satisfactory security within that delay, said adjudication shall be null and void, and the Treasurer shall proceed to rent as before, after the usual notices the unexpired term of the lease at the risk of the original purchaser, on the same terms and conditions.

Sec. 217.—That upon default of punctual payment at maturity of any one of the above mentioned series of notes, it shall be optional with the Board of Aldermen to consider and declare the adjudication to be *ipso facto* forfeited. In which case the Treasurer be notified to proceed immediately, after giving the usual notices required by section 216, to lease again at public auction said wharf and dues for the unexpired term thereof, at the risk of the first farmer.

And the Board shall appoint a provisional keeper to take charge of the wharf, for which services he shall be entitled to $3 00 per day, to be paid by the corporation and reimbursed by the farmer forfeiting his contract.

Sec. 218.—It shall be the duty of the wharfinger to keep a signal light of such size as shall be designated by the Mayor, during the night, to be hung on the wharf in such a place as will be most conspicuous from the river. He must constantly have a man in or near the wharf to attend to the duties and business thereof. He must deliver all freight received by him promptly, and shall be responsible for all freight delivered at the warehouse, and for all damage caused by his neglect. He shall keep the warehouse and wharf clean and orderly for the reception of passengers and freight, and shall be empowered to arrest any person guilty of disorderly conduct and bring him before the Mayor.

Sec. 219.—It shall be his duty to keep the wharf in proper repairs, to save the planks and other appertenances thereof, whenever the same shall become loose, and to deliver peaceably at the expiration of his lease, the said wharf in the same condition he received it, wear and tear excepted; all repairs thereto up to $10 00 to be at his expense, above that sum they shall be made by the Corporation upon proper notice.

Sec. 220.—He shall prohibit any trade or traffic to be carried on the wharf, and prevent any riding or driving thereon, faster than at a walk.

Sec. 221.—He is authorized to demand and receive the following fees and no more:

For each steamboat landing within the Corporation,	$1 00
For each boat (except skiffs), landing within the Corporation limits,	50
For every pipe, hogshead or Tun,	
" " Barrel (full),	
" " " empty,	
" " " of molasses, one day,	
" " " " several days, not exceeding one week,	
For each barrel of molasses, every additional day over a week,	
" Hogshead of sugar or coal, one day,	
" Hogshead of sugar or coal, several days, not exceeding one week,	
For every additional day over a week,	
" bale,	
" bundle of merchandise,	
" " rope or baggage,	
" crate of glass or crockery,	
" basket full,	
" half barrel,	
" demijohn (full),	
" " (empty), one,	
" " " several,	
" sugar kettle,	
" dozen or less of small pots,	
" sack of coffee, salt, corn, oats, bran, etc.,	
" jar (full), large,	
" jar (empty), large,	
" jar " small,	
" jar (full), small,	
" trunk containing merchdse,	
" box containing crockery or hardware,	
" box containing dry goods,	
" thousand bricks,	
" " slates for roof,	
" hundred hoop poles,	
" vehicle of any kind,	
" pair of wheels,	
" plough,	
" horse, mule or horned cattle,	
" armoir, bedstead, sideboard, sofa,	
" piano,	
" ton of iron,	
For ringing the bell at the request of a passenger, day or night, if the boat answer the hail,	
For the privilege of staying on the wharf waiting for a boat at night, when fires are provided,	

He shall in addition to the above fees, charge for the storage of the above articles, in case the same are not carried off within twenty-four hours.

He shall charge according to the above tariff, all articles landed in Donaldsonville, whether at the wharf or not, when such articles are consigned to any citizen or person doing business in Donaldsonville. Freight consigned to the Sisters of Charity shall be exempt from the above charges.

Sec. 222.—It shall be the duty of the wharf master to post up in a conspicuous place on the wharf, a schedule of the above fees and charges duly certified by the Secretary of the Corporation.

Sec. 223.—For any violation of this ordinance the wharf master shall be liable to a fine of five dollars.

He shall in addition be liable for all damages which shall be sustained by any individual in consequence of his neglect or misconduct.

Passed by the Common Council August 26, 1871. Approved September 4, 1871.

E. W. MASON, Mayor.

A true copy from the original records.

W. G. WILKINSON, Secretary.

THE END.