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OF THE
CITY OF TAUNTON,

WITH THE

Original City Charter and Amendments thereof; the
Statutes of the Commonwealth adopted by the
City or specially relating to its municipal
affairs; the Rules and Orders of the City
Council and each branch thereof;

AND

Historical Collections concerning the City Boundaries
and its Civil List.

Published by Order of the City Council.



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PREFACE.

The first revision of the ordinances of the city of Taunton, made in 1882, brought for the first time into uniform and definite shape what from time to time had been ordained as by-laws since the first municipal organization of Taunton as a city.

The need of a new codification of the ordinances, by reason of various additions and amendments made since that revision, the public call for still further amendments to meet the advancing requirements in municipal affairs, together with the necessity of a new edition of the city book on account of the entire exhaustion of former editions, could be met only by a full and complete revision.

The City Council, in view of this public demand, in January, 1891, passed the following order:

CITY OF TAUNTON, }
Jan. 20th, 1891. }

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Ordered, that a special committee be appointed to consist of two aldermen and three members of the Common Council, with authority to employ such assistance as may be necessary, who shall prepare a revision and consolidation of the various city ordinances and rules and orders, and that said committee cause the same, together with the City Charter and such general and special laws as relate to municipal affairs, and such other matter as they deem expedient, to be printed in a neat and convenient form; the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for incidentals; and that said committee be requested to report to the City Council any changes in the ordinances that they deem expedient to be made.

Adopted, EDWIN A. TETLOW, Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Feb. 3d, 1891. Adopted in concurrence,
J. R. TALLMAN, Clerk.

Feb. 5th, 1891. Approved by the Mayor.

Under this order Aldermen Willis K. Hodgman and Edgar L. Crossman, Councilmen Edwin A. Dary, Ebenezer A. Dean and John L. Thomas, were appointed a special committee and forthwith engaged in the service required by its terms. As authorized by the order the committee employed Charles A. Reed, Esq., and Edwin A. Tetlow, Esq., and with their constant coöperation after much thorough investigation, involving inquiry into and conference with every department of the city, the whole body of the existing ordinances was entirely revised; many chapters were re-drafted and new matters were introduced, and a report was made by the committee to the City Council, December, 1891. With slight amendments the ordinances thus revised and submitted to the City Council were passed to be ordained and were duly approved December 31st, 1891, under the designation of "The Revised Ordinances of 1891."

The completion of the work thus successfully begun, including the preparation of all materials for the publication of the book of ordinances and all statutes especially appertaining to municipal affairs and the printing of the same, was further directed early in the current year by the following order of the City Council :

CITY OF TAUNTON, }
Jan. 7th, 1892. }

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN :

Ordered, that a special committee of two aldermen and three councilmen be appointed to complete the work intrusted to a committee of last year's City Council in revising the ordinances, etc., the work called for in the order authorizing last year's committee, except such work as said committee completed shall be performed by the committee hereby authorized. Said committee is hereby authorized to employ some suitable persons to assist them, if needed; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for incidentals.

Said committee shall report the result of its work before the same is printed for public distribution.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan 14th, 1892. Adopted in concurrence,

J. R. TALLMAN, Clerk.

Jan. 23d, 1892. Approved, FRANCIS S. BABBITT, Mayor.

Under this order Aldermen Willis K. Hodgman and Edgar L. Crossman, Councilmen Edwin A. Dary, Ebenezer A. Dean and George A. Washburn, were appointed a special committee, and with the service of the same persons who so efficiently aided in the revision of the ordinances the work of preparing for publication has been carried forward to completion.

The committee, finding it impracticable to introduce into the ordinance book all the statutes of the Commonwealth appertaining to municipal affairs as was undertaken in the edition of 1882, have accepted only those statutes, including the original charter, as showing the first institution of the city government in this municipality and the Revised Charter of 1882 now in force, which, as special laws, have particular reference to Taunton and such statutes as are in force by virtue of their adoption by the city.

They have added as of practical importance the present city boundaries as fixed by the perambulations required by law, and have given as matter of historical interest the details of the original bounds of "Cohannet" and the outlines of the various towns which have been incorporated from the original domain of the ancient town after its different enlargements, and they have appended the civil list extending to the present date from the earliest times as far as it can be ascertained.

The preparation of this revision on account of the introduction of new matter and the complete recasting of the original notes and indexes has involved much time and labor and it is offered to the public with confidence that it will fully subserve the purposes for which it was undertaken.

WILLIS K. HODGMAN,
EDGAR L. CROSSMAN,
EDWIN A. DARY,
EBENEZER A. DEAN,
GEORGE A. WASHBURN.

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