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Kenosha, Wis. ORDINANCES, etc.

OF THE

CITY OF KENOSHA,

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KENOSHA:
COURIER JOB ROOMS.
1884.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, }
COUNTY OF KENOSHA, } ss.
CITY OF KENOSHA. }

We, Octavius S. Newell, Mayor of the city of Kenosha, and Frank W. Mathews, City Clerk of said city do hereby certify that the annexed charter and ordinances of the city of Kenosha were and are printed and published by authority of the Common Council of said city, and in pursuance of a resolution of said Council passed September 3d, A. D., 1883.

Dated March 22d, A. D., 1884.

O. S. NEWELL, Mayor.

F. W. MATHEWS, City Clerk.

REVISED CHARTER OF THE CITY OF KENOSHA.

NOTE.—The original Charter was an Act approved February 8th, 1850, but the Charter was consolidated and codified by Chap. 133, Priv. and Local Laws of 1857. In the notes to the sections below, the word Charter refers to the codified Charter of 1857.

CHAPTER I.

The People of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. The district of country in the county of Kenosha and State of Wisconsin, known and described as follows, to wit: The southeast quarter of section thirty; fractional section thirty-two; the east half of section thirty-one; the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter, and the east half of the southwest quarter of section thirty-one in town two; the northeast quarter and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section six, and the north half of fractional section five in town one, all in range twenty-three east, together with that part of Lake Michigan due east of the same, within one-fourth of a mile thereof shall be a city by the name of Kenosha.

Charter Chap. 1, Sec. 1.

Sec. 1 of Chap. 112, P. & L. Laws of 1859, amends the above section and reads: All that part of the City of Kenosha lying east of Mechanic street and south of the Town Line street, called Prairie Avenue, is hereby annexed to the (the) town of Pleasant Prairie,

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Provided that nothing herein shall be construed to exempt that part of said city so annexed from the payment of a just proportion of the indebtedness owing by said city. The remainder of said Chapter 112 is given at end of this revision.

Style of city
and powers.

SECTION 2. The inhabitants of said city shall be a corporation by the name of the city of Kenosha, and by that name may sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court, contract and be contracted with, make and use a common seal and alter it at pleasure, and take, hold and purchase, lease and convey such real and personal estate as the purposes of the corporation may require within or without the limits of said city, and shall otherwise possess the general powers of municipal corporations at common law.

Charter Chap. I, Sec. 2.

Ward bound-
aries.

SECTION 3. The city of Kenosha is hereby divided into four wards as follows: All that part of the city lying south of the township line between towns one and two shall constitute the third ward; all that part of the city lying north of the third ward as herein constituted, and south of a line drawn through the centre of Pearl street continued to the east and west boundaries of the city shall constitute the first ward; all that part of the city lying north of the first ward, as herein constituted, and south of the following described line, viz.: A line commencing on the eastern boundary line of the city at a point due east of the north line of lot number twenty-two in block number one on Washington Island; thence to and along said north line of lot twenty-two to Washington street; thence to and along the centre of Middle street on said Island and across Pike Creek to the centre of the alley north of and adjoining to lot number five in block number seventy-four, and along the centre of said alley to Main street; thence westerly to the centre of Middle street, and along the centre of Middle street to the centre of the creek, and thence along the centre of said creek northwesterly to the western boundary of the city shall constitute the fourth ward; and all that part of the city lying north of the fourth ward as

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herein constituted, shall constitute the second ward.

Charter Chap. I, Sec. 3, as amended by Sec. 1, Ch.

111, P. & L. Laws of 1858.

CHAPTER II.

CITY OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The municipal government of the city shall consist of a Common Council composed of a Mayor and three Aldermen from each ward. Municipal Government

Charter Chap. II, Sec. 1, amended by Sec. 2, Chap.

111 P. & L. L. 1858.

SECTION 2. A Mayor, a Treasurer, a Clerk, an Assessor, a Marshal, one Justice of the Peace for the city at large shall be elected annually by the people. And three Aldermen, one School Commissioner and one Constable shall be annually elected by the qualified electors of each ward. Election of officers. *Provided* that no Alderman shall receive any compensation for his services as Alderman, nor be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract made with the city.

Charter Chap. II, Sec. 2, amended by Secs. 2 and 3,

Chap. 111 P. & L. Laws 1858, and Sec. 3 Chap.

148 P. & L. Laws 1859, and Chap. 164 P. & L. Laws 1859.

SECTION 3. A City Attorney, Harbor Master, Poor Master, City Physician Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, Surveyor, a Chief of Police, and one or more Street Supervisors, and Fire Wardens, Inspectors, Sextons and all such other officers as may be deemed necessary for the proper management of the affairs of said city, may be appointed by the Common Council, which officers shall hold their offices severally, during the pleasure of the Council, and at such compensation as the Council shall prescribe. Appointed officers.

Charter Chap. II, Sec. 3.

SECTION 4. None but electors of said city shall be eligible to or qualified to hold any elective office created by this act. Who eligible.

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*Charter Chap. 2 Sec. 4.*Term of Of-
fice.

SECTION 5. The Mayor, Clerk, Superintendent of Schools, Assessor, Marshal and Aldermen shall hold their offices respectively for the term of one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. The School Commissioners shall hold their offices respectively for the term of two years, or until their successors shall be elected and qualified; *Provided* that officers elected to fill vacancies shall respectively hold for the unexpired term only or until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Charter Chap. 2, Sec. 5, as amended by Secs. 2 and 3, Chap. 111 P. and L. L. 1858.

SECTION 6. The Aldermen, School Commissioners and the Justices of the Peace, elected at the next annual election, shall be successors to the present Aldermen, School Commissioners and Justices of the Peace respectively, whose terms of office expire at that time; the Aldermen, School Commissioners and Justices of the Peace elected one year thereafter respectively shall be successors of those Aldermen and School Commissioners and of that Justice of the Peace whose term (s) expire one year after the next election.

Charter Chap. 2, Sec. 6.

Vacancies.

SECTION 7. If any officers (officer) elected exclusively by any ward shall remove from such ward, or if any officer of such city shall die, resign, refuse to act, or remove from the city, his office shall thereby become vacant.

*Charter Chap. 2, Sec. 7.*Filling Va-
cancies.

SECTION 8. Whenever any vacancy shall occur of any elective office, such vacancy shall be filled by special election.

Charter Chap. 2 Sec. 8.

Sec. 9 provided for the election of Supervisors was repealed by Sec. 6, Chap 111 Laws 1858, and the office was made appointive by Sec. 4 of said act. Sec. 662 of Revised Statutes takes the place of this section and provides for the annual election of a Supervisor from each ward.

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CHAPTER III.

ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. An election shall be held in the several wards of said city on the first Tuesday in April in each year at such place in each ward as shall be designated by the Council, for the choice of city and ward officers, authorized by this act to be elected annually by the people, and of the time and place of such election, ten days previous public notice shall be given, in such manner as the Common Council may determine.

Annual Elections.

Charter Chap. 3, Sec. 1.

SECTION 2. Special elections for the purposes provided for in this act, may be held on any day, and on the hours of any day designated by the Common Council, but otherwise shall be conducted and the result thereof canvassed, certified and returned, in all respects as near as practicable, in like manner as the annual election for city and ward officers, except that returns for special elections need not be made to the clerk of the Board of Supervisors. Special elections at which all the qualified electors of said city may be entitled to vote, one poll only shall be required to be held in said city in case the Common Council shall deem the same expedient and so direct ; in such case such poll shall be opened and held in the first ward, and shall in all respects be conducted in the same manner as other city elections, and shall have the same validity as if the same had been held in the several wards.

Special Elections.

Charter Chap. 3, sec. 2, as amended by Sec. 5, Chap. 111 Laws 1858.

SECTION 3. At any election in said city, a plurality of all the votes cast in the city for any person for any city office, and a plurality of all the votes cast in any ward for any person, for any officer (office) of such ward shall constitute an election.

Plurality to Elect.

Charter Chap. 3, Sec. 3.

SECTION 4. When two or more persons shall receive an equal number of votes for the same office, the elec-

Tie vote; how decided