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MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS

FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AGAINST THE CITY

All persons furnishing materials or service for the city, or aid to the city poor, should be particular to take the name of the person ordering such service, material, or aid, and should *know* that the person is duly authorized to contract such liability.

The city will not be holden for merchandise sold or delivered on city poor account, except on the written order of the overseer of the poor, and for no longer time than until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

All bills against the city must be approved by the person authorizing the charge; and unless this is done, no action can be had upon the bill by the Committee on Accounts and Claims, and no order will be given for its payment.

Bills so certified should be left with the city clerk on or before the second day of the month.

If approved by the Committee on Accounts and Claims, they will be ready for payment on Thursday following the regular monthly meeting of the city government. The regular monthly meetings of the city government occur on the second Monday of each month.

ARTHUR E. ROBY,
City Clerk.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

By JOHN W. STORRS, Mayor of Concord

In the 1906 report of the City of Concord, I find in the inaugural address of a late, highly respected and illustrious mayor, a statement as follows:

"This occasion, unprecedented in the annals of Concord, cannot but impress me. Chosen by the voters of this city to a third term as mayor is an honor which I shall always hold dear. As it was at my first election and at my second, so it has been in my third election, an honor all the more prized, because it came without price or solicitation. To be called to a public service in this manner is in my opinion to enhance the trust and to dignify the office. Surely the debt of gratitude which I owe to my fellow citizens, because of their reiterated partiality toward me, is such that I cannot hope to lighten it, except by constant diligence, unwearied effort, honest and courageous discharge of duty."

This is a beautiful sentiment, charmingly expressed; its assertion borders somewhat on a slight implication of audacity, but in similar position one cannot resist the feeling of satisfaction and uncontrolled elation. The re-election to any office cannot be construed, but as a most complimentary gesture and an indication of approval of prior activities, and confidence that mature thought, proper consideration and disposal will be made of problems that in time to come present themselves.

Any of our outstanding accomplishments of the past four years are not due to me alone, but to those who with me in control of city affairs have co-operated and assisted to their utmost in promoting the interests of the municipality.

I am depending upon and feel sure of future concurrence with and by members of this present board and its appointees! It is with this imbued courage that I am assuming the obligation of this office.

I think in many inaugurals of the past, there has been given a review of bygone undertakings, or performances of

our different departments, and suggestions made as to betterments and what should be done during the coming period; these we will omit at this time. All of our records are public; they are readily accessible and comprehensive, and you as members of this Board are not in any way relieved of the responsibility imposed upon you if you neglect to familiarize yourselves with all business of the city, of the different requirements and activities, including cemeteries, parks, police department, fire department, tax collector, health department, weights and measures, water works, playgrounds, recreation, trees, sidewalks, sewers, utilities, public institutions, city library, Works Progress Administration projects, lands, buildings, etc., together with holidays and appropriations for band concerts, Fourth of July, Armistice Day and Memorial Day.

Continued reiteration of statements made in many inaugurations are superfluous.

We all know that in certain cases things are good, in others very good, while in many instances they are not so good. We must take conditions as they are and make the best of it, bearing in mind, however, that we are expected within our ability, and with appropriate care to make improvements.

Today we do not know what may come tomorrow and tomorrow never comes.

Definite statements of what we will do or what will happen in the future are beyond our knowledge.

Would that we could, without fear, have and enjoy everything that the Constitution provides, that our liberty might be in the superlative degree insofar that we might do anything and everything that we cared to do without injury or harm to ourselves or to others, that there should be no unjust restrictions on prices or trade, that they may be so liquefied that they may be enabled to adapt themselves to the requirements of and be governed by supply and demand; and in every way democracy should be upheld with evident manifestations and true realization.

I cannot resist the temptation to use the word economy,

but on this subject I shall not elaborate and will make but little comment.

Economy, national, state and municipal, as a topic of discussion, enjoys a high degree of popularity, but its application to departments of government finds but little favor with those whose pet projects are thereby affected.

Our tax rate for the coming period, you may be assured, will be higher. You know why! The reason is apparent and in evidence. Certain things and obligations are necessary and are impossible of elimination, but otherwise the lessening or reduction of taxes is a simple matter of cause and effect. When our people are willing to deny themselves those things for which public money is expended, taxes will automatically reduce.

In undertakings of any magnitude, it would be wise to consult an expert. A plan for present and future developments should be outlined with a view to a comprehensive, final accomplishment. Had advisory planning reached its zenith years ago we would not now be confronted with so many inconsistencies, disagreeable problems and grotesque situations seeking solution.

You, as members of the Board of Aldermen, are elected by, and represent, the people of our city and by your doings and actions will be judged and held accountable. I, as your mayor, will endeavor to assist and make smooth your way; but let us with implacable purpose, be true with unswerving fidelity to the trust imposed upon us.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

PASSED DURING THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 9, 1939

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES.

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend Chapter 4 of Revised Ordinances by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered Section 2, which shall be as follows:

SECT. 2. Each department, office, board, commission, committee and/or body; which is operated out of funds appropriated in the budgets, approved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, shall through its chairman and/or head, render to the Mayor, as chairman of the Finance Committee, during the first week of each month a financial statement, on a form prescribed by said Finance Committee, showing funds expended and commitments made by said board, department, office, commission, committee and/or body during the preceding month. No such department, office, commission, committee and/or body shall legally be able to make expenditures and/or commitments beyond the amount annually appropriated for its use, unless first having been granted such right to legally do so, by a vote and/or votes of Board of Aldermen, or by act of the Mayor.

SECT. 2. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This Ordinance shall take effect on its passage.

Passed March 14, 1938.

AN ORDINANCE ON AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 19 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES RELATING TO PLUMBING.

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend Section 1 of Chapter 19 of Revised Ordinances by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The provisions of Chapter 153 of Public Laws and amendments thereto relating to plumbing, examining board for plumbing and licensing of plumbers are hereby adopted to be in force in the city.

SECT. 2. Amend Section 2 of said Chapter 19 by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECT. 2. There is hereby created an Examining Board for Plumbers, consisting of a master plumber who has been engaged for at least five years in active plumbing business in this State, a plumbing inspector, or in the absence of such officer a member of the local board of health, and a journeyman plumber who has had at least five years of active service. The members of said Board to serve without pay. At the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen in March, the Mayor shall appoint subject to the approval and confirmation of the Board of Aldermen, the members of said Board for a term of one year each, except should a member of the local board of health be appointed and approved and confirmed as a member of said Examining Board for Plumbers, such member shall serve during his term of office as a member of said local board of health. All members to serve until his and/or their successor and/or successors are chosen. Vacancies occurring in said Examining Board for Plumbers, shall be filled by appointment to membership to said Board by the Mayor, subject to approval and confirmation by the Board of Aldermen.

SECT. 3. Nothing in this Ordinance shall invalidate the provisions of former Ordinances in effect, up until the passage of this Ordinance.

SECT. 4. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECT. 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed April 11, 1938.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY PLANNING BOARD.

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Concord, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the provisions of Chapter 55 of the Public Laws of New Hampshire, 1935, as amended by Public Acts of New Hampshire, 1937, be hereby adopted by the City of Concord, for the creation of a City Planning Board, in so far as below set forth.

SECT. 2. That said City Planning Board shall consist of nine members, namely, the Mayor, one of the administrative officials of the municipality, who shall be selected by the Mayor, and a member of the Board of Aldermen who shall be selected by the Board of Aldermen, the first three members above named being ex-officio members of said City Planning Board, and six persons who shall be appointed by the Mayor.

SECT. 3. That all members of said City Planning Board shall be residents of said City and shall serve as members without compensation and the appointed members shall hold no other municipal office, except that one of such appointed members may be a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The terms of ex-officio members shall correspond to their