

Ordinances

For the Town of Manassas

I - The fiscal year shall begin July 1st and end June 30th.

II.-That the stated meetings of the Council shall be on the last Monday in each month at the Township Hall at eight o'clock P. M.

III - Any person who shall encumber any street, sidewalk or alley, lane or bridge, in any manner whatever, within the Corporate limits shall be fined not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$2.00; or who shall ride or drive a horse or any other animal over any sidewalk in said Corporation shall be fined a like sum.

IV – No locomotive engines or car shall be run through the limits of the Corporation at a greater rate of speed than eight miles an hour, nor shall they be allowed to obstruct any street or crossing for more than eight minutes at a time, and any person or corporation violating this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$2.00 nor more than \$10.00.

V – All nuisances within the Corporate limits shall be removed or abated at the expense of the person creating the same and the said person creating the said nuisance shall be fined not less than fifty cents nor more than \$20.00

VI – No person shall discharge any fire arms or other explosives within the streets of the Corporation or ignite or discharge any fire-crackers within ten feet of any building. Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined not less than fifty cents nor more than \$5.00

VII – No swine, goats, horses, mules, cattle, sheep, or geese, shall be permitted to run at large in the streets of the corporation at any time. The owner of any animal found in disobedience of this order shall pay a fine of fifty cents per head for every such animal.

VIII – No person shall run, ride or drive a horse or other animal at a dangerous speed within the streets of the corporation at any time. The owner of any animal found in disobedience of this order shall pay a fine of fifty cents per head for every such animal.

IX – No person shall bat, throw or play ball in the streets, or engage in any employment or sport in the streets, sidewalks or public alleys dangerous or annoying to persons, and any person violating this ordinance shall be fined not less than fifty cents nor more than \$5.00

X – Every person who shall come from any place without this Corporation and shall be found begging, for money or food, shall be fined not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$3.00 and upon failure to pay said fine shall be required to work upon the streets not less than one nor more than six days, in charge of the Sergeant, and upon the refusal of such person to work, as aforesaid, he shall be confined with ball and chain. For boarding such person while at work the Sergeant shall receive forty cents per day.

XI – Any person found drunk and disorderly on the streets, or any person using profane or indecent language within the hearing of and to the annoyance of the public, or who makes any indecent exposure of himself, shall be fined not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$10.00 upon conviction.

XII – Any person keeping a house of ill fame, or a gambling house, or suffering gambling in his house, within the Corporate limits, shall be fined not less than \$20.00 nor more than \$100.00

XIII – That all saloons be closed not later than 10 o'clock P. M. except on Saturday night, when the closing hour shall be not later than eleven o'clock P. M. and the opening hour not to be before four o'clock A. M.

XIV – No person shall build, or if built, shall permit to remain, on any street within the Corporation, barb wire fence, or any wire with projections or sharp points; and should any person fail to remove any such fence, built in violation of this ordinance, within twenty-four hours after being notified so to do, the Mayor shall cause the same to be removed at the expense of the said party, and he shall, in addition, be fined not less than \$2.00 nor more than \$3.00 for said failure to remove.

XV – No person except an employee of the Railroad Company shall be allowed to ride on the platform, or steps of a car within the Corporation for the purpose of jumping off while the train is in motion, nor shall any person, except as aforesaid, jump on a train while in motion for the purpose of riding as aforesaid. Any person violating this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than fifty cents nor more than \$1.00

XVI – That on and after the 1st day of April, 1899, there shall not be kept within the corporate limits of said town, any hogs or pigs in pens, and on complaint of any citizen violating said Ordinance, the Mayor shall cause said person or persons to be summoned before him to answer said complaint, and such person or persons, if found guilty, shall be fined not less than one nor more than five dollars.

XVII – No person shall erect any building within the Corporate limits without first having obtained a permit from the Committee on Streets. The application for said permit shall give the location, dimension and object of said building. Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$10.00

XVIII – Any person who shall interfere with, or in any way injure, any property belonging to the Corporation, or an individual, shall be fined not less than fifty cents nor more than \$10.00

XIX – Any person who shall injure or deface any tree, or tie any animal to any tree, on the streets of the Corporation shall be fined not less than fifty cents nor more than \$2.00

XX – All privies within the Corporate limits shall be cleaned once in every thirty days or oftener, if required, and the contents thereof shall be removed without the Corporate limits. Any person failing to comply with this ordinance, shall be fined not less than \$1.00. All persons are required to use boxes in the privies, and in no case shall a sink be used with the privy. Whenever a complaint shall be made of the condition of a privy to the Mayor he shall cause the person offending to appear before him, and shall dispose of the complaint in a summary manner.

XXI – Any person failing, or refusing to pay any fine, imposed under any ordinance of the Corporation, shall be required to work on the streets not less than one nor more than twenty days in charge of the Sergeant.

XXII – All Ordinances adopted by this Council shall be recorded and properly indexed by the Clerk in a book to be provided for that purpose, to be known as the “Ordinance Book,” and when any Ordinance is repealed the Clerk shall note the fact on the “Ordinance Book” on the page where such Ordinance is recorded.

XXIII – The time of meeting of Council in the future shall be at 7 o’clock P. M. from October 1st to April 1st. And at 8 o’clock.

XXIV – Be it ordained that any person throwing on the streets any paper, tin cans, orange or lemon peel, or anything else calculated to litter the said streets, shall be fined 50 cents for each offence, and that every housekeeper or keeper of a place of public business shall keep a barrel or box in which shall be kept the above described articles and that the contents of the said barrel or box shall be removed once a week under the direction of the Sergeant.

XXV – It was ordered that a rebate be granted to such persons as may apply for license to conduct a business in this town for a full year, the business being conducted only a part of a year a charge is to be made for the time the business is conducted as is done in similar places by the State of Virginia.

XXVI – That any person who engages in any business in the said Corporation which requires a license, without first having procured such license, shall be fined not less than five nor more than twenty dollars, and if such fine and costs be not paid at once the offender shall be forthwith confined in the county jail for a term not to exceed sixty days.

XXVII – Be it ordained by the Council of Manassas that all dealers in beer or intoxicating liquors shall keep the shutters or blinds of their saloons open during the day (Sunday) from sun up till sundown and shall not obscure the glass in said windows, and be it further ordained that any person failing to comply with this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$2.50.

XXVIII – That whenever it may become necessary in the opinion of the committee in charge of pumps and wells or the opinion of a majority of said committee to prohibit persons from watering stock, hauling away water for building purposes or in any manner using said wells or pumps, that said committee may deem it improper a notice shall be posted at said pumps or wells prohibiting the use of the water in said wells, except as the said committee may direct. Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined not less than one (\$1.00) nor more than five (\$5.00) dollars.

XXIX – Whereas it has become the habit of the idle and unemployed to loaf in large numbers in the depot and on the railroad platform in this town, thereby interfering with and preventing the employees of the Railroad Company from discharging their duties, and inconveniencing to travelers in getting on and off the trains. Now therefore be it ordained by the Council of the town of Manassas. That any person or persons found loafing in the said depot, and on the said platform, so as to interfere with the employees of the said company in the discharge of their duties, or in rendering it inconvenient to travelers in getting on and off the trains, shall upon conviction, be fined not less than fifty cents, nor more than five dollars, and upon failure to pay said fine, shall be confined in the county jail for a period not more than thirty days.

XXX – That it shall be unlawful for the boys to congregate on the streets and behave in a noisy and boisterous manner and any boy or boys so offending shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1.00. And be it further ordained that any boy under the age of fifteen years found on the streets of the town of Manassas at night after 10 o'clock, except on an errand for parents or employer, shall be subject to arrest and fine not exceeding \$1.00

XXXI – Resolved, That a Licenses be charged on all vehicles conveying persons for pay from and to this place except those who now have a livery stable license, as follows; For one horse vehicle, \$2.50 per year, two horse vehicle or more \$5.00 per year. Shooting Galleries, \$10.00 per year.

XXXII – That the Sanitary Committee, which has been or may hereafter be appointed by said Council is hereby empowered to take such steps and adopt such regulations as the said committee may think necessary to secure the inhabitants of the said town of Manassas from contagious, infectious or other dangerous diseases.

XXXIII – That all bicycles used on any of the streets of Manassas, after dark, be required to have lamps and that Bicycles shall not be run on the sidewalks at any time. Any violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than fifty cents and not more than two dollars and a half.

XXXIV – That any Circus or Menagerie showing outside of the Corporate limits, and whose wagons or animals, or any part of their show, shall parade through any street of the town of Manassas, shall pay for each parade the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) But this shall not apply to any show where their exhibits are within the Corporate limits, and when they take out the Corporation License required in such cases.

XXXV – That the Sanitary Committee, which has been or may hereafter be appointed by said council, is hereby empowered to may think necessary to secure the inhabitants of the said town of Manassas from contagious, infectious or other dangerous disease. That any person may be quarantined and prevented from coming into town from a house, or vicinity where a contagious disease exists, or any citizen of the town where such disease exists may be prevented from leaving his own premises, or even confined to his house, when the board of health of the town may so order. And any person who shall violate this Ordinance shall be fined not less than five (\$5.00) nor more than twenty (\$20.00) dollars. This Ordinance shall be in force from its passage.