

CHARTER
of The
Town of Vernon

Jennings County, Indiana

As Enacted

January 22, 1851.

and Amendments Thereto

Together With
In Force



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The Vernon Clionian Club 2001

The Charter of the town of Vernon as enacted January 22, 1851 is being circulated by the Vernon Clionian Club.

"The Clionian Society" of Vernon was the first organized women's club in the State of Indiana. A copy of the constitution of the Clionian Society was found in 1922 when the old Jennings Academy was torn down. The copy was dated July 17, 1858. the date the society had charge of the cornerstone laying. An earlier faded copy shows a date of July 17, 1855, and seems more likely to be the actual date.

The purpose of the Vernon Clionian Society was the mutual improvement of its members. Two classes of membership were included - "honorary membership" for persons who were elected because of "intellectual greatness" and "ordinary membership" for those who had been connected with the old Vernon Seminary.

The Club was reorganized in 1920 and became known as the Vernon Clionian Club. Its objective was the moral, social educational and civic upbuilding of Vernon and the community through a united effort.

The organization has always been proud of Vernon's heritage and has played an active role in the cultural enrichment of the community

AN ACT

To Incorporate the

TOWN OF VERNON,

Jennings County, Indiana

As Approved January 22, 1851 and Amended
December 20, 1865, February 17, 1885,
March 5, 1895 and March 9, 1901

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, that the inhabitants of so much of the County of Jennings as is contained within the peninsula of circular bend of the Muscatatuck river, including the Town of Vernon, and to the high water mark on the opposite banks of said stream, and so much of the Isthmus or narrows as is embraced in the south-east quarter of Section 3 Town 6, Range 8 east, and east of Sanford's Branch, are hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic, by the name and style of the Town of Vernon, and by that name shall be and are invested with all the powers and privileges appertaining to bodies corporate and politic with perpetual succession.

Sec. 2. That for the purpose of organization and taxation the bounds of said corporation shall extend only one hundred and thirty-two feet south of South Street, and to a line parallel to the same, and to a line, parallel with and three hundred feet west of Water Street. The territory within said bounds shall be divided into five wards, by lines running through said corporation, east and west, parallel with the centers of Washington, Jackson, Brown and Gaines Streets. The territory south of Washington Street shall constitute the first ward; from thence to Jackson Street the second ward; from thence to Brown Street the third ward; from thence to Gaines Street the fourth ward; and from thence to the north line of the corporation the fifth ward. Provided that whenever the Mayor and Council may deem it necessary, they may alter or increase the number thereof.

(See Ordinance Relating to Wards- Post.)

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Sec.3 there shall be an election held at the Court House, in Vernon by the legal voters of said town, on the first Monday in March 1895, and biennially thereafter, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, one Councilman, for each ward, who shall be residents therein; a Recorder, Marshal, and a Treasurer, for said corporation, who shall respectively hold their offices for two years and until their successors are elected and qualified, at which election each person having the qualifications to vote for the State and County officers and shall have resided within the bounds of said corporation, for three months next preceeding any election, shall be entitled to vote at the same.
(As Amended, Acts 1895, Page 138.)

Sec.4. The Mayor and Council shall cause ten days previous notice of any election by publishing the same in some newspaper printed in said town, or by putting up written notices at some public place in each ward, designating the time and place of such election; the Mayor, Councilmen, and Assessor shall be qualified voters and resident freeholders within the wards of said corporation.

Sec. 5 The Councilman of the first ward shall, if present, be the inspector of elections, and in his absence either of the other Councilmen may be inspector, who shall call to his assistance two qualified voters, who shall be judges of said election, and they shall appoint two clerks, and after having been sworn and affirmed faithfully to discharge their duties (which oath or affirmation may be administered by the inspector) they shall proceed to receive votes between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. And it shall be the duty of the inspector and judges of said election to certify under their hands and seals to the person who received the highest number of votes, together with the offices to which they were severally elected, which certificates shall be delivered to the Recorder to be by him filed and recorded, and whose duty it shall be to give to each person so elected, a certificate of his election; in case there be a tie between any persons at said election, the result shall be determined by lot, to be drawn by the judges.

Sec.6. For purpose of conducting the first election, it is hereby made the duty of the Auditor of Jennings County to give the notice required by this act, and the inspector shall be elected by the qualified voters who may be present at the time of opening of the polls.

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Who may call to his assistance such officers as may be necessary to constitute the board, said board shall in all respects, in regard to said election, be governed by the preceeding articles and shall forthwith give to each person elected, a certificate of the same, under their hands and seals.

Sec.7 Should there be a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the Council shall immediately order an election to fill such vacancy and give notice of the same. The Mayor and Council are authorized to fill by appointment any vacancy which may happen in any of the other offices, until the next annual election.

Sec. 8 The officers elected as above shall meet within ten days after such election, and take an oath, faithfully, diligently and impartially to discharge their respective duties as such officers; and the Mayor, Marshal and Treasurer shall each enter into bond with surety to be approved by the Council, in such sums as they shall direct, for the faithful performance of their duties and for the proper application of all moneys which may come into their hands as such officers, upon which bonds suits may be brought for the use of the corporation or any person or persons aggrieved.

Sec.9 A majority of the Council shall form a quorum, and meet upon their own adjournment. The Mayor or in his absence, the Recorder, may call special meetings, and whenever met, shall have full power to enact and publish all such laws and ordinances, as to them seem necessary relative to the opening, repairing, graveling, turn piking of streets, as shall be necessary to keep said streets and all alleys in said town open for the free use of the public, to declare what shall constitute a nuisance, and to prevent and abate the same, and for the erection of market houses, regulating markets, and for restraining and preventing swine from running at large within the bounds of the corporation; and for the preservation and safety of all building, whether public or private, for cleaning chimneys; to regulate the speed of railroad trains within said corporation, and to prevent the assemblage of boys at the depot thereof; for preventing and extinguishing fires within the limits of said corporation; for setting out shade trees and protecting the same; to build bridges at said Town; to encourage enlistments; to encourage education; to make such donations as may to them seem

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proper and just for the encouragement of any literary, agricultural or scientific institution located within said corporation, and for that purpose shall possess full power, by ordinance, to levy all taxes necessary to enable them to pay such donations or appropriations, and may issue the bonds of the corporation there for, signed by the Mayor and Recorder thereof; to impose fines upon all persons transgressing against the laws and ordinances as the said Council may deem necessary and proper for the health, safety cleanliness, convenience and good government of said corporation, and the inhabitants thereof; not contrary to the Constitution of the United States, nor the State of Indiana. Provided. That all laws and ordinances which shall be passed by said Council, shall be published at length, on the door of the Court House, or at some other public place in the town of Vernon, or in some newspaper published in said Town, at least five days, after which said laws and ordinances shall be in force until repealed or modified by the proper authority.

(As Amended, Acts 1865, [Special] 85)

Sec. 10 It shall be the duty of the Mayor to preside at the meetings of the Council, and in case of a tie, to give the casting vote, and in his absence the Council shall elect a president pro tem., of their own number, to sign all laws, ordinances, and decrees of a public nature, also to sign all the by-laws and minutes of their proceedings. The Mayor shall also have and exercise the same jurisdiction duties, and powers as a justice of the peace, for the punishment of misdemeanors, and the preliminary examinations of all felonies, provided and declared by the State of Indiana and well shall, in all such cases, be governed in the exercise of this jurisdiction, duties and powers, in all respects, by the laws of the State regulating the duties of a justice of the peace. And he shall also have and exercise the same jurisdiction and duties, by the laws in force regulating the duties of justices of the peace. He shall also have cognizance and jurisdiction of all violations of the ordinances of the corporation and upon the filing of an affidavit, by any competent witness that any person has violated any ordinance, it shall be his duty to issue a warrant for the arrest of the person so offending, directed to the Marshal, commanding him to bring such person before him to answer such accusations.

and if the allegations in said affidavit shall be sustained by competent evidence he shall assess such fine against the defendant as to him shall seem just and proper, within the limits prescribed by the ordinances of said corporation. Said action shall be in the name of "The Town of Vernon," and the fine and cost, including a fee of five dollars to the attorney prosecuting said cause, so assessed shall in all respect be collected as in cases fines assessed for the violation of the laws of the State of Indiana; and when collected by said Mayor or Marshal, shall be paid to the Treasurer of said corporation, for the benefit of common schools within said corporations, and shall be paid out by said Treasurer of such schools as may be designated by the Common Council, provided that an appeal shall, in all cases be within ten days, to the Court of Common Pleas.

(As Amended, Acts 1865, (Special) 85.)

Sec. 11. During the absence or disability of the Mayor, or in case of a vacancy in the office of Mayor, any justice of the peace of said town may perform his judicial duties.

Sec. 12. It shall be the duty of the Marshal to suppress all riots, disturbances, and breaches of the peace and to apprehend all riotous and disorderly persons or disturbers of the peace and forthwith convey them before the Mayor, and in case of resistance, it shall be lawful for him to command the aid of any bystanders in apprehending and conveying said offender to the Mayors office, and it shall be the duty of the Mayor forthwith to hear and determine such complaint or the Marshal shall be authorized to arrest and commit to the jail of the County, any person or persons who may be disturbing the peace of the town, and who shall refuse to desist from such disturbance at his request of command; but such imprisonment shall not exceed in duration at any one time more than twelve hours. It shall be the duty of the Marshal to receive and execute all process issued by the Mayor, and he shall be governed in his official acts by the laws of the State regulating the duties of the Constables, and shall have a right to charge and collect the same fees as are allowed to Constables for similar services, and it shall be the duty of the Marshal to act in the capacity of street Commissioners and delinquent tax collector

(As Amended, Acts 1895, page 138)

Sec. 13 The recorder shall attend all meetings of the Council, and keep a record of their proceedings in a book kept for that purpose;

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enter in said book all laws and ordinances passed by said council, and attest the same; draw warrants on the treasurer for allowances made by the council, and enter them immediately in a book to be kept for that purpose; and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the mayor and council.

Sec. 14. The Mayor and Council shall make such allowances to the Assessor, Recorder, Treasurer, and any other officers they may appoint, as to them shall appear just and reasonable.

Sec. 15. The Mayor and Council shall be allowed the use of the jail of Jennings County for the confinement of all such persons as shall be liable to imprisonment, and all persons so imprisoned shall be in charge of the keeper of said jail until discharged by due course of law.

Sec. 16. All bonds given to the corporation, all contracts entered into with the corporation, and all suits for or against the corporation shall be in the name of the town of Vernon.

Sec. 17. The Mayor and Council may adopt such by-laws and regulations for their own government, and impose such fine upon members for a breach of the same as they may deem advisable, and a majority of all the council elect may expel a member for disorderly or improper conduct.

Sec. 18. The Mayor and Council shall have power to levy and collect such tax on all personal property, of whatever kind or description, owned, used, enjoyed, or held in trust, by any person within said corporation; and also such poll tax upon the male inhabitants, within said incorporation, over the age of twenty - one, as may be necessary to pay and liquidate any indebtedness, appropriations, or donations made and authorized by the ordinances of said incorporation.

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Sec. 19. It shall be the duty of the assessor, annually, in the month of April, to call upon every person residing within the taxable part of said corporation, for a list of his or her of their personal property within the same, including notes, accounts, money on hand or on deposit, and all property which, by the laws of the State of Indiana, is taxable, and value of which shall enter in his assessment roll, opposite the name of the owner or person liable to be taxed, designating in separate columns the value of the real estate with its appropriate description, and the aggregate value of each person's personal property, the whole to be valued at a fair cash value. And should any person neglect or refuse to give in the value of his personal property, or the property in his possession liable to be taxed, when so called on, or any part thereof, or should give a false or fraudulent value thereof, the assessor shall estimate the value thereof from the best information he can obtain, to which he shall add one hundred per cent., which shall be conclusive against all residents, and when he cannot obtain the name of the owner of any property, he shall enter the same in his book as unknown. And said assessor shall, on, or before the first Monday in May, make a return of his assessment roll to the recorder of said incorporation, which shall be a lien upon the property so assessed for the tax of the current year, From and after the first Monday in April until paid. Provided that any person shall have furnished a list of his, her or their property, or whose real estate may have been appraised, may at any time before the first of July of each year, appear before the council and apply for a reduction of their assessment, which the council may allow and grant if the same be reasonable and just.

(as Amended. Acts 1865 (Special) page 85.)

Sec.20. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to enter in a book to be provided for that purpose, a copy of said assessment roll and to enter in a column opposite each person's name the amount of tax levied against him, her, or them for the current year and from this record he shall make a fair duplicate and deliver the same to the Treasurer on or before the first day of June, which, when signed by the Mayor and attested by the Recorder, shall be sufficient authority for collecting the taxes on the same.

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Sec. 21. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer upon the receipt of said duplicate, to receive the taxes from any person or persons at his office until the first day of August, after which time the Marshal shall proceed to collect all arrearages by distress and sale of any of the personal property of such delinquents after giving ten day's notice of the time and place of sale by advertisement set up in three public places in said town; provided. That if any person or property had been omitted to be taxed in the duplicate the Marshal shall assess and collect the same and make return of the same as in other cases

(As Amended, Acts 1895, page 138.)

Sec. 22. That in all cases where the tax shall be due and owing, cannot be collected of the goods and chattels of the delinquent, the Marshal shall, on the first Monday in October, make a list of such delinquents who own real estate, with a description of such estate, and the amount in arrear, and file the same with the Recorder, whose duty it shall be to record the same and give notice of the sale of said property, for at least twenty days previous in some newspaper published in said town, or by posting up written notices in three of the most public places in said town, describing the property, with the amount of taxes and cost of advertising, and the time and place of sale, which time shall be on or before the first Monday in November.

Sec. 23. Delinquent taxes may, at any time before the lands is sold thereof, with the penalty, interest and cost thereon, be paid as follows. Into the town treasury, the person paying shall file the treasurer's receipt with the Marshal, and take his receipt in place thereof.

Sec. 24. Any levy on sale of property for delinquent taxes, made after such payment into the town treasury, shall be valid, if made before the filing of such receipts with the Marshal, but after the filing of such receipt preceeding on such levy shall be staved, on payment of costs and charges; if property shall have been sold, the owner shall be entitled to a return of the proceeds after deducting costs and charges.

Sec. 25. After the first Monday in October, annually, the Recorder shall make out and record in a book to be provided for that purpose, a list of all lots returned and remaining delinquent for taxes, describing as such lots as the same are described in the tax duplicate, and charging them with the amount of delinquent tax, with interest, and a penalty of ten per centum on such taxes, also with the taxes of the currant year, and shall certify to the correctness thereof, with the date when same was recorded, and signed the same official.

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Sec. 26. He shall cause a copy of such list to be immediately published for four weeks successively, Once in each week, in some newspaper having general circulation in this Town, if any there be, or he may have the same printed in hand-bill form, if the same can be done cheaper than to publish the same in a newspaper, otherwise, by three copies posted up in public places in said Town, to which shall be attached, and in like manner published, a notice that so much of said ground as may be necessary to discharge the taxes, interest, and charges that may be due thereon, or due from the power thereof, at the time of sale, will be sold at public auction, in the Court House, in such town, on the first Monday in December next thereafter.

Sec.27. The Recorder shall, on or before the day of sale, insert, at the foot of such list on his record, a copy of such notice, and certify on each record, immediately following such notice, the manner in which the same was published, giving the name of the paper in which the same was published, and the length of time during which it appeared.

Sec. 28. On the day mentioned in the notice, the Marshal shall commence the sale of such lots, and shall continue the same from day to day until so much of each lot assessed, or belonging to each person assessed, shall be sold as will pay the taxes, interest, and charges thereon, or chargeable to such person in said corporation.

Sec.29. The person offering, at said sale, to pay the required sum for the least quantity of any lots, shall be considered the purchaser of such quantity.

Sec.30. When more than one lot belonging to the same person shall be for sale at the same time in said corporation, each such lot, as offered shall be for the payment of the whole sum due from such owner on all delinquent lots or otherwise; and if no person shall bid off a part or the whole of such lot for the sum required, the said lot shall then be offered to the highest bidder, and any amount shall yet remain due, the other lots shall be proceeded with in like manner, until the required sum shall be realized.

Sec.31. When less than the whole of any lot in-lot or out-lot of said corporation shall be sold, the part sold shall be taken off and laid out, so that it shall extend from the main or principal street, road or alley, forming the most convenient; front to each lot, to rear of such lot, and to bound the same with lines as nearly parallel with the out-lines of such lot as practicable.

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Sec. 32. The Marshal shall, from time to time, pay over to the Treasurer all money which may come into his hands by virtue of his office, taking his receipt for the same and on the second Monday in November, he shall make return of the tax duplicate and make final settlement with the Mayor and Council who shall meet for that purpose, and who shall make him an allowance for all reasonable delinquencies, as collector and such compensation for all other services as they may think proper.

(As Amended, Acts 1895 page 138)

Sec. 33. The Recorder shall attend as the clerk of the sale of such delinquent lots, and shall enter the same on a sufficient record book giving a description of the proper tract or lot, showing how much of each was sold, to whom, and the price, or whether the same remained unsold.

Sec. 34. After payment shall have been made, the Recorder shall give to the purchaser a certificate in writing, describing the lot so purchased, the sum paid and the time when the purchaser will be entitled to a deed; which certificate shall entitle the holder to the possession of the premises therein described.

Sec. 35. The said certificate shall be assignable, but no assignment thereof shall be valid unless acknowledged before some justice of the peace, or the Mayor, and Recorder in such Recorder's office of said town.

Sec. 36. The owner or occupant of any lot sold for taxes or any other person may redeem the same at any time within two years after the last of such sale, by paying to the Marshal, for the use of the purchaser, his heirs or assigns, the sum mentioned in his certificate and the amount of all subsequent taxes paid, with fifty percent, on the whole sum, and interest from the date of purchase, or from the time of payment.

Sec. 37. Infants, idiots, femmes convert and insane persons, may redeem any lots belonging to them, sold for taxes, within two years after the expiration of such disability

Sec. 38. In case of any lasting and valuable improvements shall have been made by the purchaser at any sale for taxes, or by any person claiming under him, and the lot on which the same shall have been made shall be redeemed as aforesaid; the premises shall not be restored to the person redeeming until he shall have paid or tendered to the adverse party the value of such improvements; and if the parties cannot agree on the value thereof, the same proceedings shall be had in relation thereto as shall be prescribed in the law existing at the time of such proceedings, for the relief of occupying claimants of land.

Sec. 39. No compensation shall be allowed for improvements made before the expiration of two years from the date of the sale for taxes. Any person claiming an undivided part of any lots sold for taxes, may redeem the same on paying such proportion of the purchase money, interest, penalty and subsequent taxes, as he claims of the land sold.

Sec. 40. Any person claiming an undivided share in any lot, out of which an undivided part shall have been sold for taxes, may redeem his undivided share by paying such proportion of the purchase money, penalty and subsequent taxes, as he claims of the land sold.

Sec. 41. Any person claiming a specific part of any lot sold for taxes, may redeem his specific part by paying such proportion of the purchase money, interest, penalty and subsequent taxes, as his quantity of ground shall bear to the whole quantity sold.

Sec. 42. Any person claiming a specific part of any lots, out of which an undivided part shall have been sold for taxes charged on the whole tract or lot, may redeem his specific part by paying such proportion of purchase money, interest, penalty, and subsequent taxes as his quantity of ground shall bear to the whole quantity taxed.

Sec. 43. Any person claiming a specific part of any lots, out of which a specific part belonging to some other person shall have been sold for taxes charged on the whole tract or lot, may exonerate himself from all liability to contribute to the owner of the part sold, by paying to the Marshal, at any time before the expiration of the time allowed for redemption, such proportion of purchase money, penalty and interest, as his quantity of ground will bear to the whole quantity taxed and such payment shall operate as a redemption of a proportionate part, according to the amount paid, of the lot sold.

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Sec. 44. In every case of partial redemption, pursuant to either of the last five sections, the quantity sold shall be reduced in proportion of the amount paid on such partial redemption and the Recorder shall convey accordingly.

Sec.45. Whenever the lots of any one person shall be sold for taxes assessed conjointly on the lots of such persons and the lots of another person (and) such other persons shall not pay his due proportion, the person whose lot shall be sold may redeem the same on paying the amount due the purchaser; and he shall be entitled to recover from such other person whose lots were assessed with his, a just proportion of the redemption money so paid, with lawful interest from the time of such redemption, but no suit shall be brought for the recovery of such proportion until after the time allowed for redemption.

Sec. 46. If such owner shall not redeem the lot sold and the same shall be conveyed by the Recorder, such owner may recover from such other person the same proportion of the value of the lot sold and conveyed that he ought to have paid of the tax, interest and charges, for which the lot shall have been sold.

Sec. 47. Every judgment obtained under either of the two last sections, shall have priority as against the lot of the defendant therein, on which the tax was assessed and for which such proportionate part ought to have been paid, to all mortgages executed, and all judgments recovered since the time when, such taxes were assessed.

Sec. 48. If no person shall reedeem such ground within two years at the expiration thereof, and on production of certificate of purchase, and in case the certificate covers only a part of the tract or lot of land, then accompanied with a survey of such part, made by the County Surveyor,

The Recorder shall execute to the purchaser his heirs or assign, in the name of the Town a conveyance of the real estate so sold; which shall vest in the grantee an absolute estate in fee simple, subject, however, to all the claims which the Town may have thereon for taxes, or other liens or incumbrances.

Sec. 49. When two or more parcels, tracts or lots of land are sold for non-payment of taxes to the same purchaser or purchasers or the same person or persons shall in anywise become the owners of the certificate thereof, all of such lots shall be included in one deed.

Sec. 50. Such conveyance shall be executed by the Recorder, under his hand and seal be witnessed by the Marshal and such deed shall be conclusive evidence of the truth of all the facts therein, recited, with the exception of the fact that the payment of the taxes, for which the lots named therein were sold, had not been made by or in behalf of the proper owner of such lots in due time, and to the proper officer, of which last named fact, such deed shall be held as prima facie evidence, and no more, and such deeds shall be in the following form, as nearly as the nature of the case will admit, namely; Whereas, A. B. did, on the.....day of.....18..... produce to the undersigned, C. D., Recorder of the Town of Vernon, in the State of Indiana, a certificate of purchase in the writing, bearing the date....day of18.....signed by E. F. , who at the last mentioned date, was Recorder of said Town, from which it appears that the said A. B. did, on the....dayof.....18....., purchase, at public auction at the door of the Court House in said County, the tract, lot or parcel of land lastly in this indenture described and which lot was sold to..... for the sum of.....dollars and ...cents, being the amount due on the following tracts or lots of land returned delinquent in the name of G. H., for the non payment of taxes, cost and charges for the year....., namely: (here set out the lots offered for sale) which said lots had been recorded, among other lots, in the office of said recorder as delinquent, for the non-payment of taxes, cost and charges for the year last aforesaid and legal publication made of the sale of said lots, on the said day of.....18.....; and in appearing that the said A. B. is the legal owner of said certificate of purchase, and the time fixed by law for redeeming the lot therein described having now expired, and none of the saving clauses of the.....sections of..... applying to this lot or parcel of land, and

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neither the said G. H., nor any person in his behalf, having paid or tendered the amount due the said A. B., on account of the aforesaid purchase, and for taxes by him since paid, and the said A. B., having demanded a deed for the lot mentioned in said certificate, and which was the least quantity of the lot above described that would sell for the amount due thereon for taxes, cost and charges, as above specified, and it appearing from the records of said Recorder's office that the aforesaid lots were lagally liable for taxation, and had been duly assessed and properly charged on the duplicate, with the taxes for the years.....; therefore, this indenture made this.....day of18....., between the Town of Vernon, by C. D., Recorder of said Town, of the first part, and the said A. B., of the second part, witnesseth; That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the premises, has granted, bargained, and sold unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, the lot or parcel of land mentioned in said certificate and described as follows, namely; (here set out the particular lot sold) to have and to hold the said last mentioned lot with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, to said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, in as full and ample a manner as the said Recorder of said Town is empowered by law to sell the same. In testimony whereof, the said C. D., Recorder of said Town, has hereunto set his hand and affixed the seal of said Cooperation, the day and year last above written.

.....(seal)

State of Indiana.....County, ss:

Before me, the undersigned.....in and for said County, this day personally came the above named C. D. , Recorder of said town, and acknowledged that he signed and sealed the forgoing deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, thisday of18....

Sec. 51. In case circumstances should exist requiring any variation form the foregoing form in the recital part thereof, the necessary change may be made by the Recorder executing such deed; and the same shall not be viliated by any such change, provided the substance be retained.

Sec. 52. In making deeds to purchasers, of lots sold for taxes, the Recorder shall not be compelled to include more than five distinct lots in one deed and in case two are more deeds be made to the same person, the Recorder shall be entitled to demand and receive from such persons, Seventy five cents for the first deed and fifty cents for each additional one.

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Sec. 53. Whenever the Recorder shall discover, prior to the conveyence of any lot sold for taxes, that the sale was for any cause what ever invalid, he shall not convey such lot, but the purchase money, and interest thereon, shall be refunded out of the Town treasurer to the purchaser, his representatives or assigns, on the order of the Recorder; and such lot, if originally liable to taxation, and being still delinquent, shall be again placed on the delinquent list and the amount so refunded, with interest, be collected as in other cases.

Sec. 54. No sale or conveyance of lot for taxes shall be valid, if at the time of being listed such lot shall not have been liable to taxation; or if liable, the taxes thereon shall have been paid before sale, shall be refunded out of the Town treasurer, on the order of the Town Recorder.

Sec. 55. If any conveyance for taxes shall prove to be invalid, and effectual to convey title for any other cause than those enumerated in the proceeding section, the lien which the Town has on such lot shall be transferred to and vested in the grantee, his heirs and assigns who shall be entitled to recover from the owner of such lot the amount of taxes, interest and penalty legally due thereon at the time of sale, with interest, together with the amount of all subsequent taxes paid, with interest, and such lot shall be bound for the payment thereof.

Sec. 56. The sale of lots for taxes shall not be valid on account of such lots having been listed or charged on the duplicate in any other name than that of the rightful owner.

Sec. 57. The Recorder is hereby authorized to make deeds for lots sold for taxes under any former law, when the same remains yet to be done; and the deed so made shall be good and valid as if made by the person authorized under any such former law to make them.

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Sec. 58. When conveyances are delivered for lots sold for taxes, the certificate thereof shall be cancelled and filed away by the Recorder and in case of the loss of any certificate, on being fully satisfied thereof, by due proof, the Recorder may execute and deliver the proper conveyance, and file such proof in his office.

Sec. 59. A register shall be kept by the Recorder in his office containing a brief discription of the lots by him conveyed on the sale for taxes, the name of the person charged therewith, the date of sale, the name of the purchaser, the amount for which sold, the name of the grantee in the deed and the date of its execution.

Sec. 60. When lots sold for taxes, or any portion thereof shall be redeemed, the Recorder shall insert a memorandum of such redemption, the quantity or description of the portion redeemed, if not the whole, the date thereof and by whom made, on his record of sales of lots for delinquent taxes, and sign the same officially, and shall likewise give a certificate thereof to the person redeeming.

Sec. 61. In case sales for any lots for taxes shall not be perfected for want of bidders, the same shall be considered as forfeited to the Town, to be disposed of as the Common council shall hereafter by law direct, and until so disposed of, or redeemed, shall be continued, on the duplicate, charged with all the arrearages for which it was so forfeited and interest and shall be annually assessed and charged with all accruing taxes, penalties and interest, as other lots.

Sec. 62. Such lots shall be annually offered for sale with, and on the same term as other delinquent lots, and until sold for the amount of all arrearages, may be redeemed on payment of the same into the Town treasury, by the owner or owners thereof; and such payment shall be proceeded with and certified as provided in this act.

Sec. 63. The records made by the Recorder respecting delinquent lots, the manner of advertisement of sales thereof, the sales made of the same, and the conveyances thereof executed and all copies of such records, duly certified to be such, by the proper Recorder, under his seal of office, shall be received as prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein

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Sec. 64. The Marshal shall add to each tract or lot advertised, a proportionate part of the expense of advertising, to be collected and paid over with the taxes and will also add to each lot or parcel sold fifty cents, to be paid by the purchaser, one half for the use of the Marshal, and one half for the use of the Recorder. All delinquent taxes shall be carried forward on the duplicate of the next year, with a penalty of fifteen per cent.

Sec. 65. The Marshal shall from time to time, pay over to the Treasurer all money which may come into his hands by virtue of his said office, taking his receipt for the same and on the second Monday in November he shall make return of his duplicate and make final settlement with the Mayor and Council, who shall meet for that purpose and who shall make him an allowance for all reasonable delinquencies, and such compensation for his services as collector as they shall think proper.

Sec. 66. The Recorder shall be entitled to one dollar for making a deed on a sale for taxes, and shall acknowledge said deed before some person authorized to take such acknowledgement.

(As amended, Acts 1865 (Special) page 85)

Sec. 67. The Mayor and Common Council of said town in the improvements of the streets, alleys and sidewalks thereof shall have the powers delegated to the Common Council of cities and the Board of Trustees of towns of this State in, be governed by the provisions of, and follow the procedure prescribed by "An Act concerning powers and duties of cities and incorporated towns, and their Common Councils and Board of Trustees, and providing the mode and manner of making street and alley improvements and building sewers, and permitting cities and towns to issue street and sewer improvement bonds, and repealing all conflicting laws and declaring an emergency" approved March 8, 1889, Acts of 1889, page 237, commonly known as the Barrett law, and general laws amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, applicable to cities and towns generally in force in this state; said acts and laws being Sections 4288 to and including Section 4298 of Burns R. S., 1894; Section 1 of the Act of Feb. 17, Acts of 1899 page 63, and Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Acts of Feb. 22, 1899, Acts of 1899, page 88, which Sections are hereby made applicable to said town of Vernon so far as the same are practicable.

(As Amended, Acts 1901, page 338.)

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Sec.68. After the time limited in the foregoing section, the street commissioner shall proceed forthwith to complete such improvements, and make report to the Recorder of all those who have made their share of the improvement and the amount expended to complete the remainder. And it shall be the duty of the Recorder to make out a list of the delinquents, with the number of feet owned by each, to which shall be added to their respective proportions of said deficiency, according to the number of feet owned and which list, signed by the Mayor and attested by the Recorder, shall be sufficient authority for the Marshal to collect the same. And if the owner of any such property shall fail to pay such assessment within sixty days, the Marshal shall collect the same by sale of said property, or so much thereof as will pay the amount due thereon, with costs, which the Marshal is hereby authorized to tax at five per cent. on each sum so collected.

Sec. 69. In making such sale, the Marshal and Recorder shall be governed in all respects by the sections of the preceding part of this act providing for the sale of lots or lands for the collection of taxes, and all rights and privileges there granted to owners or purchasers are hereby extended to all sales under this act.

Sec. 70. All lands or lots which shall remain unsold, for the want of bidders, or any other cause, shall be re-offered by the Marshal at any other time when so directed by the Council, and to the amount due shall be added twenty-five cents on each piece of advertising.

Sec. 71. All moneys arising from taxes, fines, licenses, and other sources, accruing under the regulations of said corporation, shall be paid over to the treasurer, who shall give duplicate receipts for the same, one of which shall be filed with the Recorder, who will enter the same in his register of receipts; and no moneys will be paid out by said treasurer but by order of the Mayor and Council, certified by the Recorder.

Sec. 72. The territory included within the bounds of said corporation, and such other territory as the County Commissioners of Jennings County may add thereto, not exceeding one mile from the Court house, shall constitute one of the road districts of Vernon township, which shall be under the control of the Mayor and Council, to be worked by the street commissioner, who is hereby invested with all the authority and

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immunities of a supervisor of roads, and shall be subject to the same liabilities for neglect of duty, and it shall be the duty of the Auditor of said County, annually, to deliver to said street commissioner a list of hands and taxes assessed for road purposes in said district, in like manner as he does to supervisor of roads, and the said street commissioner shall work out the same, and make like report to the auditor as is required of supervisors.

(As Amended, Acts 1865, (Special) page 85.)

Sec. 73. It shall not be lawful to exhibit for gain, within the corporation, or within one half mile of the limits thereof, any animal, wax figure, or other natural or artificial curiosity, or and feats of horsemanship, circus riding, rope or wire dancing, legerdemain, ventriloquism, or other amusement, without first obtaining a license from the treasurer, for which they shall not pay less than ; two, nor more than twenty dollars, for each exhibition of such show, as shall be directed by the Mayor and Council; and if any person shall violate the provisions of this section, such person or persons shall forfeit and pay a penalty of not less than five, nor more than forty dollars for such violation, for the benefit of the corporation, to be recovered in an action of debt.

Sec. 74. All former acts for incorporation shall inherit and possess all the rights, credits, moneys, and effects belonging to former corporations of said town, and shall have the right to sue for and recover in its own name, and dispose of the same: Provided, that all moneys heretofore collected for licenses to retail spirituous liquors with the interest on the same, are hereby appropriated to the school district in said town, to be equally divided between them for school purposes.

Sec. 75. This act shall be a public act and shall be liberally construed and shall be in force from and after its passage



ORDINANCES

Of the

Town of Vernon

As Enacted by the

Common Council

And In Force

February 15, 1909

Explanatory.

The ordinances previously enacted were codified and reenacted in a general ordinance passed July 6, 1881, and posted July 7, 1881. In the following classification of ordinances, the section numbers refer to the section numbers of this original ordinance or code, later ordinances being designated by subheads of the Sections of the original code. - - -

Arranged and compiled by
CHESTER A. BATCHELOR,
By the direction of the
Common Council

CHARTER OF THE
AN ORDINANCE

**Codifying the Laws and Ordinances of the
Town of Vernon**

Enacted July 6, 1881, together with
subsequent ordinances, omitting there-
from ordinances which were not in force
February 15, 1909 and omitting franchises

Sec. 1. the devise of the seal of the corporation of the
Town of Vernon, shall be a pair of scales and beam, together
with the words: "Corporation of the Town of Vernon."

Town Limits---Councilmanic Districts.

Sec.1a. The bounds of the said corporation (Vernon) shall
extend only one hundred and thirty -two feet south of South
Street, and to a line parallel with, and three hundred feet west of
Water Street. the territory within said bounds shall be divided
into three wards by lines running through said corporation east
and west, parallel with the centers of Jackson and Brown
Streets. The territory south of Jackson Street shall constitute
the first ward; from thence to Brown Street the second ward;
and from thence to the north line of corporation the third ward.

(Passed August 10, 1905.)

Menageries, Circus-- License.

Sec.2. No person or persons shall exhibit, for fee or
reward, within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon, any
menagerie circus, or menagerie and Circus combined, without
first having paid to the Mayor of said Town the some of ten
dollars (\$10.00) for each day such exhibition is given and have
received from the Mayor a license permitting the exhibition.
Any person giving such exhibition without said license shall be
deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction be fined in
any sum not more than twenty five dollars together with the cost
of the suit.

Shows --- License

Sec.3. Any person or persons who shall exhibit for fee or reward, within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon, any single animal, feat of tumbling, rope or wire walking, slight of hand, automation, or what is usually designated a "side show," or other show or performance of similar grade or character of any above enumerated, without first having paid to the Mayor of said Town the sum of three dollars for each day such exhibition is to be given and having received therefor the license of the Mayor permitting such exhibition, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined in any sum not to exceed ten dollars, together with the cost of the suit.

Hacks and Vehicles-- License.

Sec. 3 [1] It shall be unlawful for any person of carrying passengers to and from, the Town of Vernon, Ind., for the purpose of gain or profit without first obtaining a license for so doing.

[2] any person or persons desiring to run such hack or vehicle, can do so by paying to the Town Treasurer the sum of ten dollars, who will give him a receipt for said amount which can be taken to the Town Clerk, who will issue said license.

[3.] Any person violating said provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction before the Mayor be fined not less than \$1.00 for each day he runs without said license[

[Passed Feb. 10, 1898.]

Pool and Billiards---License.

Sec. 3b [1] A license fee of \$5.00 for first table and \$3.00 for each additional table used and operated in playing the game of pool and billiards be assessed to person or persons using or operating said tables in said Town of Vernon,

[2] Any person who shall within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon, use or operate any pool or billiard table without having first paid the license fee herein required and procured the license herein provided for, shall be fined for each offense not less than one nor more than five dollars, together with all cost and a fee of \$5.00 to the attorney prosecuting the case. All to be collected

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Without relief from valuation or appraisal laws of Indiana by suit before the Mayor of said Town.

(Passed January 12, 1899.)

Shooting Gallery ---- License

Sec. 3c. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to conduct a shooting gallery within the Town limits without first paying into the Town treasurer the sum of \$10.00 per year.

Passed May 10, 1900

Advertisement. ---- License.

Sec. 3d. (1) that any person desiring to paint, post, paste, nail, or in any manner attach any notice, bills, advertisement or any advertising device, on any post, pole, tree, rock, fence, the outside wall of any building or shed on any billboard or other object within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon, or to distribute from house to house or scatter up, on the streets and alleys or on any lawn or vacant lot, any notices, bills or samples of medicine or merchandise, or any advertising device of any kind within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon, shall first procure from the Treasurer of the Town of Vernon, a license authorizing such advertising. Such license shall only be issued upon the payment of a license fee to said Treasurer, which fee shall be in the sum of Two dollars (\$2.00), for each calendar day or fraction thereof, and the license shall state the days, day, or fraction thereof, during which such license shall be in force

Provided, that nothing in this section shall prohibit any bona-fied resident of the Town of Venon from advertising his business, so long as the advertisement is a bona-fied advertisement of his own individual business.

(2) Any person desiring to paint, paste, post, nail or in any manner attach any notice, advertisement or any advertising device on any pole, post, rock, tree, the outside wall of any building or shed, or any billboard or other object within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon, shall first obtain written permission of the person or persons owning or controlling the property on which advertisements, bills or notices, or advertising device are to be placed.

(3) Any person violating any of the provisions of the foregoing sections of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction, be fined for each offense, any sum not less than Five Dollars(\$5.00) nor more than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).

Passed July 9, 1908

Stallions And Jacks. - Breeding.

Sec. 4. Any person or persons who shall let a stallion or jack to a mare or a jinny within the corporate limits of Vernon, excepting within an enclosure so arranged as to entirely obstruct the view from every residence, street or alley of said Town, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding Ten dollars, together with the cost of the suit.

Speed Limit.

Sec. 5a. Any person, who shall ride or drive any horse or mule within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon at a rate of speed greater than ten miles per hour, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding ten dollars, together with the costs of the suit.

Automoblies, etc.

Sec. 5b. (1) Be it ordained by the Commom Council of the Town of Vernon that it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to operate a motor vehicle, automobile or other horseless carriage on the streets of the town of Vernon at a greater speed than eight miles per hour.

(2) whoever shall violate the provisions of this ordinance shall, if found guilty, be fined not less than one dollar nor more than twenty five dollars.

(Passed November 14, 1907.)

Animals Running At Large.

Sec. 6. Any person permitting a horse, mule or jack, of which he is owner, to run at large within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon, shall be deemed guilty of a nuisance, and it shall be the duty of the Marshal of the Town of Vernon to sieze and impound any such mule horse or jack, that may be found running at large within the corporate limits

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of said Town. If the owner of the horse, mule, or jack impounded shall appear within the period of twenty four hours and show proper proof that he is the rightful owner thereof the Marshal shall deliver such impounded animal to him on the payment of him to the Marshal of the sum of one dollar. If said owner shall refuse said sum and to at once remove said animal then the Marshal shall proceed to levy on said animal and collect the said one dollar together with costs in form and manner provided for sale on execution of a constable in the statutes of the State of Indiana. If no owner of said animal shall appear, or is not known, to the Marshal, he shall treat the animal as an estray and proceed in form and manner provided in the statutes of the State of Indiana, in relation to estrays

Sec 6a. That from and after the 1st day of December 1891 any person permitting any cow, bull, steer or calf over two months old of which he or she is the owner to run at large within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon, aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of a nuisance and it shall be the duty of the Marshal of said Town, to seize and impound such cattle running at large as aforesaid. If the owner of such animal or animals, so impounded, shall appear within the period of twenty-four hours and show proper proof, that he or she is the rightful owner thereof, The Marshal shall deliver such impounded animal or animals to him on the payment by him or her to the Marshal the sum of one dollar. If said owner shall fail or refuse to pay said sum and at once remove said animal or animals so impounded, then the Marshal shall proceed to levy on the same, and by sale collect the said fee of one dollar (\$1.00) together with costs, in manner and form provided for sale on execution by a constable in the statutes of the State of Indiana. If no owner of such impounded animal or animals appear or is unknown to the Marshal, he shall treat such animal or animals so impounded as estrays and proceed in manner and form as provided, in the statutes of the State of Indiana, in relation to estrays.

Passed November 12, 1981

Chickens.

Sec. 6b. That it is hereby deemed unlawful for such fowls as chickens, turkeys, geese or ducks to run at large on the streets and alleys of

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said Town, and if such fowls are found off of owners premises, any person can file affidavit with the Mayor of such violation, whose duty it shall be to bring such party before him by summons, and if found guilty as charged in the affidavit, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed \$5.00 for each offense; and this ordinance shall take effect after due notice

(Passed April 12, 1906)

Bridges.

Sec. 7. The Street Commissioner shall keep placed in plain view from the public highway approach of the same, upon each end of the bridge, over Muscatatuck creek or river adjacent to the Town of Vernon, a sign, legible and plainly painted with the words and figures to wit: "10 dollars fine for riding or driving over this bridge faster than a walk."

Sec. 8.

Any person willfully riding or driving faster than a walk over any bridge, which is provided with the signs required by section 7 of this code over the Muscatatuck creek or river adjacent to the Town of Vernon, shall be fined not less than five or more than twenty five dollars, together with the costs of the suit.

Hogs Running At Large.

Sec.9a. That from and after the 17th day of August 1891 all hogs be and the same are prohibited from running at large within the corporate limits of said Town of Vernon, and if after the 17th day of August 1891 aforesaid, hogs of any age or description are found running at large within the corporate limits of said Town of Vernon it shall be the duty of the Marshal of the Town of Vernon aforesaid, to seize and impound the same. And if the owner or owners of any hog or hogs thus impounded, shall appear within twenty four hours immediately thereafter and claim the same, supported by satisfactory evidence of ownership, it shall be the duty of the Marshal to deliver the hog or hogs thus claimed and proven to the owner thereof upon the payment to the Marshal of a fee of one dollar. if the owner or owners of said impounded property shall refuse to pay the fee aforesaid, and at once remove said hog or hogs, then the Marshal shall proceed to levy

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on the same and by sale, collect the said fee of one dollar, together with costs in manner and form provided for sale on execution by a constable in the statutes of the State of Indiana. If no owner of said hog or hogs appears or is unknown by the Marshal, he shall treat the hog or hogs thus impounded as an estray and proceed in manner and form as provided in the statutes of the State of Indiana, in relation to estrays.

(Passed August 13, 1891)

Peddler's License.

Sec. 10. Any person not a resident of the Town of Vernon, who shall offer for sale or barter, within the corporate limits of said Town at auction or public outcry, or as retail vendors or peddlers, Any drygoods, fancy goods, notions, perfumery, medicines, drugs, chemicals, nostrums, hardware, glassware, tinware, cutlery, groceries, confectionery, chromos, or pictures of any kind, without having first obtained a license permitting him to do so, from the Mayor of the said Town, by the payment of one dollar for each and every day he desires to offer for sale or barter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined in any sum not exceeding ten dollars, together with the costs of the suit.

Intoxicating Liquors --- License.

Sec. 11 - 12a. (1) It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to sell within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon any intoxicating liquors whether malt, vinous or spiritous in less quantity than a quart at a time to be drank as a beverage on the premises where sold or elsewhere without first having procured a license so to do as hereafter provided.

(2.) Any person desiring to engage in the business of selling intoxicating liquors in the Town of Vernon shall pay to the Treasurer of said town the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars(125.00) taking his receipt therefor which receipt will entitle him upon proof of good moral character and suitability for conducting said business in an orderly manner made before the Mayor, to a license for the period of one year from the date of said receipt to sell intoxicating liquors at the place of business designated in said license, which the Mayor of said Town shall make out and sign according to the application thereupon made by such person.

But each license shall designate a single room and no license issued hereunder shall authorize the sale of intoxicating liquors in more than one room.

(3.) Any person who shall within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon sell intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage without having first paid the license fee therein required and procured the license herein provided for shall be fined for each offence not less than five nor more than twenty dollars, together with all costs and a fee of five dollars to the attorney prosecuting the case. All to be collectible without relief from valuation or appraisement laws of Indiana by suit before the Mayor of said Town. and should any fine be appealed from, to the Circuit Court, the fee of said attorney in case of conviction in the Circuit Court shall be fifteen dollars.

Offenses - Intoxicating Liquors.

Sec. 13. Any person who shall sell, barter or give away, to be drank on the premises where sold, bartered, or given away, or shall sell, barter, or give away, any intoxicating or vinous or malt loquor between the hours of eleven p.m., and five a.m., or on Sunday or any election day, or on any legal holiday, or to any intoxicated person, to be drank on the premises where sold, bartered or given away shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction, shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars, together with the cost of the suit.

Offenses - Intoxicating Liquor.

Sec. 14. Any person who shall be found drunk or disorderly on any of the streets, alleys, or other public places within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than two dollars nor more than ten dollars, together with the cost of the suit.

Offenses - Provoke.

Sec. 15. Any person who shall within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon, by words or gesters provoke or attempt to provoke

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another person to commit an assault upon him, or any other breach of the peace, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined in any sum not exceeding twenty -five dollars together with the cost of the suit.

Offenses - Assault.

Sec. 16. Any person having the present ability, who shall within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon, in a rude or insolent manner, commit or attempt to commit an assault or an assault and battery, on the person of another, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined in any sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars together with the cost of the suit.

Offenses - Riot.

Sec. 17. If three or more persons shall within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon, do an act in a violent or tumultuous manner, They shall be deemed guilty of a riot and on conviction shall be each fined in any sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars, together with the cost of the suit.

Sec. 18. If three or more persons, shall within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon, meet together to do an unlawful act upon common cause, and shall make advances toward the commission thereof, they shall be deemed guilty of a riot, and on conviction thereof shall each be fined in any sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars, together with the cost of the suit.

Offenses - Affray.

Sec. 19. If two or more persons shall meet by argeement and fight in a public place within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon, they shall be deemed guilty of an affray, and on conviction shall each be fined in any sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars, together with the cost of the suit.

Offenses - Nuisance.

Sec. 20. Any person who shall, within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon, commit any one of the following,

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acts, shall be guilty of a nuisance, viz: make a loud and unnecessary noise, that does or might annoy any citizen thereof; play baseball, either with ball or bat or by throwing and catching the ball on any street or the Public Square; shoot any firecracker or torpedo; hit or annoy any person or bird with any bow and arrow, dart, sling, nigger killer, pop gun or other missile; disturb any religious or public meeting; permit any gaming to be done on his or her premises, or exhibit any gaming table or gaming devise or apparatus, for the purpose of winning money or any other article of value; bathe in any public place in the day time; keep any distillery, Slaughter house or yard; keep any privy, vat, hog pen, or sewer in a foul and noxious condition; obstruct any sidewalk, leading or driving or riding any animal upon it; hitch any animal to any shade tree; leave a horse or mule unhitched on a street or alley or public square; obstruct a sidewalk by placing and leaving thereon any bulky object excepting that a merchant in the discharge of his business may occupy not to exceed twenty - eight inches of the sidewalk next to the building in which he does business, or may receive or send out goods with a reasonable delay in removing them from the sidewalk; obstruct any street or alley with any filth, rubbish or bulky object, in any unnecessary manner; permit any filth, rubbish or other matter detrimental to the health and comfort of the citizens of said Town to accumulate upon or remain upon his premises, or any alley there-to adjoining; permit any stagnant pond of water to stand on his premises more than three days after he is notified of the same by the Marshal of said Town; indulge in the profane use of any of the words, God, Lord, Jesus Christ; get on or off any railway car while the same is in motion; leave any dead animal, belonging to him, upon any public place in said Town for more than an hour after notified to remove the same by the Marshal of said Town; use obscene language or signs, or improperly expose his person in any public place; adultery or fornication; keep any house or place of prostitution, or suffer the same to be kept on his premises; deposit or throw any dead animal or carrion into the Muscatatuck river or creek; keep any place where liquors are sold, or any house or room or part of his premises in a disorderly manner; by himself or agent, print, send, barter, exhibit or circulate any obscene book, pamphlet, print or picture; keep or permit any filth or object on his premises that emits or produces an unpleasant or noxious odor to the annoyance or detriment of any citizen of said Town. And on conviction for committing any one of the above enumerated acts of nuisances, shall be fined in the sum not to exceeding twenty-five dollars, together with the cost of the suit.

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Offenses - Injury To Street Lamps.

Sec. 20a. Any person who cuts, throws any missile at or places any object against or upon, hitches any animal to, or in any manner whatever disfigures or injures any street lamp post or street lamp, within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

(Passed January 2, 1883.)

Offenses - Obstructing Officers.

Sec. 21a. Any person who shall willfully obstruct or hinder any officer of the Town of Vernon in the legal performance of his duties as such officer of said Town, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined in any sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars, together with the cost of the suit.

Offenses - Throwing Ashes.

Sec. 21b. That it shall be unlawful for anyone to throw ashes in the streets or alleys or to put them in piles in the same or to throw rubbish of any kind into the streets or alleys. And it shall be the duty of the Town Marshal to cause such parties to be brought before the Mayor of said Town to answer to such charge as shall be alleged against him or her. And if found guilty shall be fined in any sum not less than one dollar not more than ten dollars for each and every offense.

(Passed January 11, 1906.)

Offenses --- Selling and Firing Fireworks.

Sec. 21c. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the Town of Vernon that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell at retail within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon, any and all kinds of Roman candles, shooting crackers, sky-rockets, torpedoes, or other explosives ordinarily known as fire-works, at any other time of each year than on the 3rd and 4th of July.

(2.) It shall unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to set fire to, to explode or set off any kind of Roman candle, shooting-crackers, sky-rockets, torpedoes or other fire-works within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon on any other day in the year than on the 3rd and 4th days of July.

(3.) Whoever shall violate either section of this act shall be on conviction be fined not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$100.00. provided that nothing in this ordinance shall apply to the sale and use of powder and dynamite and nitro-glycerine for commercial or industrial purposes.

(Passed July 11, 1907)

Mayor --- Fees.

Sec. 22. The Mayor of the Town of Vernon shall be entitled to receive, as his compensation for collecting the same and issuing the proper license , twenty-five per centum, of each and every license fee he may collect under the provisions of this code, and shall pay the balance of said fee over to the Treasurer of said Town, taking his receipt therefor. Said license fee shall be considered a part of the general funds of said Town.

Nuisance -- Marshal's Duty.

Sec. 23. It shall be the duty of the Marshal of the Town of Vernon, on receiving information of any dead animal, lying upon a street or alley or public place of said Town to forthwith notify the owner of such dead animal, and if said owner refuses to remove said dead animal, as provided by this code, the Marshal shall remove the same forthwith at the owners cost. It shall also be the duty of the Marshal on receiving information on any stagnant pond stands and if said owner fails to remove said pond in accordance with the provisions of this code, the Marshal shall proceed to do so forthwith at said owners expense. It shall be the duty of the Marshal on receiving notice of the violation by any person of any of the provisions of section XX(20) of this code to forthwith notify the person so violating, to forthwith abate the nuisance and if the person so notified of such violation shall fail to forthwith abate the nuisance, the existance of which he is notified of by the Marshal, the Marshal shall forthwith abate the same by removal or otherwise at the expense of the person so offending.

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Marshal's --- Fees

Sec. 24. The Marshal shall collect any fees due him under the provisions of this code not otherwise provided for, in the same form and manner as the fees of a constable are collected under the provisions of the laws of the State of Indiana.

Offenses --- Unwholesome Food

Sec. 25. Any person or persons, who shall willfully offer for sale or barter any tainted or unwholesome article of food within the corporate limits of the Town of Vernon, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction be fined in any sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars, together with the cost of the suit.

Water Rates.

Sec. 25a. On and after the passage and two weeks publication of this ordinance, The following schedule of water rents shall be in force and shall regulate all charges for water furnished by said Town from its water mains, viz:

Bath Tubs.

Bath Tubs in Private Houses.....	\$2.00
" " " Hotels and boarding Houses.....	4.00
" " " for Public.....	6.00
" " " Barber Shops.....	6.00
Each Chair- Barber Shop.....	1.50
" Basin- Barber Shop.....	1.25

Dwellings

First Faucet.....	1.00
Each additional faucet.....	0.50
Water Closet in Private House.....	2.50
Hotel.....	5.00

Street Sprinkling With Hose

Sprinkling Street, 66 Feet Front or Less.....	2.00
" " Each additional 66Feet.....	1.00

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Yard And Garden

Yard and Garden, 66 Feet or Less.....	2.00
" " Each additional 66 Feet.....	1.00

Saloons

Saloon.....	8.00
Motor, 1 Fan.....	15.00
" " Each additional Fan.....	7.00

Drug Store

Drug Store.....	2.00
Yard Fountain--10 HoursPer Day	
1-16 Inch Jet	4.00
1-8 "	6.00
1- 4 "	16.00
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Steam Boiler

Per Horse Power.....	50
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Court House

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Sec. 2. Payments for water rents shall be made annually to the Town Treasurer on or before the First Day of June of each year and in case any person using water from the water mains, fails to pay the annual installment so past due, and case said installment and the penalty thereon shall not be paid within 10 days from date said installment became due, the water supply of the person so delinquent

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7 cut off and not again turned on until all arrears of water rents and penalty due are paid in full.

Sec.3. Any person making connections for the use of water from said mains between the dates as which the water rents are due and payable shall be furnished with the supply required from the date of such connection until the date of annual payment thereafter at a rate proportional to the annual rate and thereafter such person shall pay his water rent in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2 of this ordinance,

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Town Treasurer to keep separate record with each person using water from the Town mains, in a water works Register, to be provided by the Common Council.

Sec.5 Parties when taking possession of premises that are supplied with town water are required to apply in person to the Town Treasurer and will be permitted to use said water for the period that said water had been paid for by former occupant. In case where said water has not been paid for then water rents must be made according to Sections 2 and 3 of this ordinance.

Sec. 6. Using a hose without a nozzle or with a nozzle having an opening greater than 1/4inch diameter will not be permitted.

Sec. 7. All ordinances and parts of ordinances heretofore passed, conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after two weeks publication in the Vernon Journal.

Sec. 8. Anyone violating the foregoing ordinance or any part thereof shall be fined the sum of not less than \$1. nor more than \$5. for each and every offense.

(passed April 22, 1899. As revised May 28, 1909)

Meaning of words and phrases.

Sec.26. Each and every word, phrase, or term used shall be considered and defined as having the same meaning and force as is given it to them by the statutes of the State of Indiana.

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