

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City  
of Plattsburgh, New York, held MAY 13th, 1949.

PRESENT: Mayor Davies, Aldermen Holland, LeClair, Villoni, Croteau, Ryan and Cardi.

ABSENT: None.

By Alderman Cardi; Seconded by Alderman LeClair:

LOCAL LAW NO. 35 OF 1949

ENTITLED AN ACT adding Title 5C to Chapter 269 of the  
Laws of 1902, the same consisting of sections 70g and 70h  
and in this instance continuing the office of Building Ins-  
pector, prescribing his duties and defining his powers thereof.

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and the Common Council of the  
City of Plattsburgh, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Title 5C consisting of sections 70g and 70h  
is hereby added to Chapter 269 of the Laws of 1902, the same  
to read as follows:

Section 70g. Appointment of Building Inspector.  
The Mayor is hereby authorized to appoint a building  
inspector under open competitive civil service exami-  
nation and such compensation as may be fixed and deter-  
mined by the Common Council.

Section 70h. The duties of the Building Inspector  
shall be as follows: He shall devote his whole time to  
the duties of his office. He shall receive applications  
required by the Building Code, examine plans, specifi-  
cations and issue Building Permits. He shall examine pre-  
mises for which permits have been issued for construdtion,  
re-construction, alterations, etc., and make necessary in-  
spections to see that the provisions of the Building Code  
are complied with, and that the construction, repairs, etc.,  
are prosecuted in accordance with safety and the plans  
and specifications filed. He shall enforce all laws,  
relating to the construction, alteration, repair, removal  
demolition, equipment, use and occupancy, location and  
maintenance of buildings and structures, except as other-  
wise provided for. He shall, when requested by the Mayor  
or Common Council, or when the interests of the City so  
require, make investigations in connection with matters  
referred to in the Building Code and render written  
reports on the same. For the purpose of enforcing com-  
pliance with the law, to remove illegal or unsafe con-  
ditions, to secure the necessary safeguards during con-  
struction or to render existing buildings safe, he


shall issue such orders or notices pertinent thereto or necessary therefor. He shall make all inspections required under the provisions of the Building Code of the City of Plattsburgh, N.Y. and of the State Standard Building Code in respect to the maintenance of Places of Public Assembly. Provided such rules are merely to carry into effect the statutory provisions of the Building Code and not in the nature of new legislation, he shall adopt rules as prescribed in the Building Code and consistent therewith; it being the intent of this requirement that the standards of Federal, State, National Technical Organizations or Fire Underwriters, as the same may be amended from time to time shall serve as a guide in fixing the minimum rules of practice under the provisions of the Building Code. For the purpose of securing for the public the benefits of new developments in the building industry, and yet insuring public safety, he shall make or cause to be made investigations, or may accept duly authenticated reports from reliable sources, of new materials or modes of construction, intended for the use in the construction of buildings or structures in the City which are not provided for in the Building Code, and shall set forth the conditions under which such materials or modes of construction may be used. He shall keep careful comprehensive records of applications, of permits issued, of inspections made, of reports rendered and of notices or orders issued; he shall make a report to the Mayor or Common Council of all transactions of his office, as provided for in the Building Code. He shall be responsible for the maintenance and condition of the City Tax Maps, and all related records thereto. He shall supply the Board of Assessors, the City Chamberlain and the City Clerk with any information he may have or accumulate which may prove to be of service in the prosecution of the duties of their respective offices. He shall also provide the Board of Assessors with an annual change list of properties which have changed ownership during the period of any one year. He shall make any required inspection which may be necessary to correctly ascertain the status of any property as is to be shown on the Assessment Roll. He shall make and keep his records available to the public at reasonable hours, but shall not permit their removal from his office, nor allow copies or tracings to be made therefrom unless in his judgment, the same cannot be construed as being of confidential nature. He may request and shall receive so far as it may be necessary in the discharge of his duties of his office, the assistance and cooperation of the City Engineer in the fixing of grades of the Chief of police in enforcing orders, of the Corporation Counsel in prosecuting violations, and of any other City official as the occasion may require. In the discharge of his duties, and upon proper identification, he shall have the authority to enter any building or premises at any reasonable hour. In addition thereto to the other duties herein prescribed, the Building Inspector shall act as Clerk of the Commission of Assessment and Taxation.

Section 2. Laws Repealed. Local Law No 1 of 1940 and Local Law No. 4 of 1941 and local law no. 18 of 1948 are hereby repealed.


Section 2. Time of Taking Effect. This act shall take effect after public hearing and approval by the Mayor.

On roll call, Aldermen Holland, LeClair, Villoni, Croteau, Ryan and Cardi voted in the affirmative; no one in the negative, CARRIED.

The foregoing Local Law certified to the Mayor this 16th day of May, 1949.

  
ACTING CITY CLERK

The foregoing Local Law is hereby approved after Public Hearing held this 24th day of May, 1949.

  
MAYOR

(SEAL)

PUBLISHED: MAY 17, 1949.