

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh, New York, Held December 16, 1932.

PRESENT: Mayor Bouyea, Aldermen Holland, Roach, Raymond, Light, Spearman and Shay.

By Alderman Holland, Seconded by Alderman Roach.

LOCAL LAW NO. 9 OF 1932.

ENTITLED AS ACT to amend Section 120 of the City Charter of the City of Plattsburgh, New York, being part of Chapter 269 of the Laws of 1902 of the State of New York, prescribing powers and duties of the commissioner of public welfare.

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh, New York, that Section 120 of the City Charter be superseded by the following:


SECTION 120. Powers and duties of the commissioner of public welfare. Except as provided by this act, the commissioner of public welfare of the City of Plattsburgh shall, within the said City, have and exercise the same powers and discharge the same duties, to the exclusion of any other person or persons, excepting therefrom the mayor and common council, as overseers of the poor in towns. The Commissioner of Public Welfare of the City of Plattsburgh shall also, by virtue of his office, possess all the powers and authority of overseers of the poor of the several towns of the state in relation to the support and relief of indigent persons, the binding out of children, the care of habitual drunkards, the support of bastards and proceedings to charge the fathers and mothers of such bastards and shall have such other powers as are conferred upon overseers of the poor in the respective towns of this state, and shall be subject to the same duties, obligations and liabilities. It shall be the duty of the commissioner to visit the poor of said city at their several places of abode, and ascertain to what extent they are or may be in need and entitled to permanent or temporary relief or medical attendance. No physician other than the city poor physician shall be employed by the commissioner of public welfare to attend the poor of said city, unless authorized or directed to do so by the common Council. He shall keep an office in such place as the common council shall provide and designate, which shall be kept open from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon, each day in the year, except Sundays and legal holidays and on Saturdays until twelve o'clock noon. The Commissioner of Public Welfare shall have power to administer oaths to, and examine under oath, any person applying to him for relief, and false swearing on the part of any applicant during such examination shall be deemed wilful perjury. For all purposes relative to the maintenance and support of the poor, the City of Plattsburgh shall be deemed one of the towns of Clinton County. The Commissioner of Public Welfare shall issue written orders for all meals, provisions, supplies, rents, coal, wood, articles of wearing apparel, hospitalization, etc., furnished to the poor of the city, and no claim for such expenditures on account of the poor of the city shall be audited or paid, unless such expenditure shall have been made pursuant to a written order of such commissioner.

It shall also be the duty of the Commissioner of Public Welfare to attend to the investigation of all applications for old age relief within the public welfare district of the City of Plattsburgh and to determine to whom such old age relief shall be given or granted with due regard to the condition existing in each case, in accordance with the rules and regulations made by the State Department of Public Welfare. He shall also be charged with the rendering of all reports and accounts pertaining thereto and his acts will be governed by the strict conformity with the provisions set forth in Sections 122 to 124-p of the Public Welfare Law.

This local law shall take effect upon approval by the mayor.

On roll call Aldermen Holland, Roach, Raymond, Light, Spearman and Shay voted in the affirmative. No one in the negative.
CARRIED.

The foregoing local law no. 9 of 1932 is hereby approved after public hearing held this 28th day of December, 1932.


MAYOR.

Passed December 16, 1932.

Certified to the Mayor Dec. 27, 1932.

Notice of public hearing published Dec. 27, 1932.

Approved after public hearing held Dec. 28, 1932.