

SPECIAL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

WEDNESDAY, April 16, 1913.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Wednesday evening, April 16, 1913, at 7:30 o'clock in special session, President Charles F. Copeland in the chair, pursuant to the following call:

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, April 15, 1913.

*To the Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:*

GENTLEMEN—You are hereby notified that there will be a Special Meeting of the Common Council held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening, April 16, 1913, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of the introduction, consideration and final action on "An ordinance fixing the duties of police officers, providing punishment for the violation of such duties, repealing ordinances in conflict therewith, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect."

I have the honor to remain,

Yours very truly,

CHARLES F. COPELAND,  
*President.*

I, Edward A. Ramsay, Clerk of the Common Council, do hereby certify that I have served the above and foregoing notice to each and every member of the Common Council, prior to the time of meeting, pursuant to the rules.

EDWARD A. RAMSAY,  
*City Clerk.*

Which was read.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: The Hon. Charles F. Copeland, President of the Common Council, and 8 members, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Stilz, Blumberg and Troy.

Absent, none.

## INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

By Mr. Copeland:

General Ordinance No. 34—1913: An ordinance fixing the duties of police officers, providing punishment for the violation of such duties, repealing ordinances in conflict therewith, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that every police officer of the City of Indianapolis, shall make daily inspections of all streets, alleys, vaults, buildings, premises, and all public and private places, in the City of Indianapolis, with reference to whether the condition of such places are dangerous or unsanitary, and whether such places show any evidence of the violation of any City ordinance.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of every such police officer to make report each day of all accidents and injuries to persons or property, occurring in his respective district, and report all dangerous conditions of any street, alley, or public place in the City of Indianapolis; to report all conditions in his district which appear to be unsanitary and which are violations of any City ordinance. All such reports shall be separate and shall be in writing, signed by the officer making such report, and shall show the name of the person injured, and the person offending, also the place and the time when the accident occurred, and where the offense is committed, together with the names of any persons known to be witnesses.

Such officer shall upon complaint or upon observing any unsanitary or dangerous condition of a street, alley, or public or private place, which constitutes a violation of any City ordinance, immediately serve a written notice upon the occupant of such premises, or if the same is unoccupied, upon the owner thereof, notifying such persons of such unsanitary or dangerous condition, describing the same, and requiring such condition to be corrected, the premises cleaned, or the danger removed within five (5) days from the time of such notice, and such officer is required to file a copy of such notice with his service thereon, with the Superintendent of Police.

Each officer is required to make daily reports of all instances where public lights have not been kept lighted during the night, by any public service corporation furnishing street lights for public use for the City of Indianapolis.

SECTION 3. That all such reports made by such police officer are hereby declared to be public records for the use and benefit of the public at large, and for the City of Indianapolis.

SECTION 4. That any police officer in the City of Indianapolis failing to make any such report as herein provided for, and failing to serve the notices herein required to be served shall be liable to suspension, after a hearing before the Board of Public Safety, for a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days without pay.

SECTION 5. That after the period of five (5) days has expired within which the occupant or owner should have cleaned or removed, or repaired the dangerous or unsanitary conditions, and the same has not been so corrected, changed, cleansed and repaired, such police offi-

cer shall immediately cause an affidavit to be prepared charging such person with the violation of any ordinance shown to have been violated.

SECTION 6. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are now hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. Whereas an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this Act, the same is now declared to be in force and effect immediately from and after its passing.

Which was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

On motion of Mr. Rubens, the Common Council, at 8:05 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

*Charles F. Copeland.*

*President.*

ATTEST:

*Edward A. Ramsay.*

*City Clerk.*

