

**Deeds record- ed.** § 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all deeds, mortgages and other instruments of writing, whereby real estate situated in this State, have been or may hereafter be conveyed, or otherwise encumbered, which have been or may hereafter be recorded in the Recorder's office in the proper county, shall be deemed hence forth notice to all persons interested of what they purport to be.

**Notice.**

**Take effect.**

§ 4. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa Capital Reporter and Iowa Republican.

APPROVED January 22d, 1855.

I certify that the foregoing Act was published in the Iowa Capital Reporter and Iowa Republican, on the 21st day of Jan. 1855.

GEO. W. McCLEARY, Sec'y of State.

## CHAPTER 50.

### MUSCATINE.

AN ACT amendatory to the Act incorporating the City of Muscatine.

**Council to have power.**

**To alter streets and alleys.**

**Injuries.**

**Apply to board**

**Notice.**

**Meeting.**

**Com'rs to view and assess.**

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the city council of the city of Muscatine, shall have power whenever they deem it expedient for the public interest of said city, to alter the width, course or grade of any of the streets or alleys of said city.

§ 2. That if any property holder in said city shall be injured by any such alteration, such person may make application to the board of Commissioners for the assessment of damages, (to be appointed as hereinafter provided) who, upon such application, shall give ten days notice in the newspapers published in said city, in case the claimant be a resident of said city, or twenty days in case the claimant be a non-resident, stating the time and place of meeting and object of the same, and at the time specified in said notice, said Commissioners shall proceed to view and assess the damages done by reason of such alteration, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages

of such alteration and improvement, and shall, within five days thereafter, make an award and return the same to the county Judge of Muscatine county, who shall enter judgment thereon, (if approved) and said judgment shall be final.

§ 3. That the said city council, or person interested may, whenever they may deem it necessary, make application to the county Judge of said county, who shall appoint three disinterested property holders, resident in said city, who are hereby constituted a board of Commissioners for the assessment of damages, which board, or any number thereof, may, for good cause shown, be removed, and the vacancy occasioned thereby filled by said county Judge.

§ 4. That in any case where, by reason of such alteration, any claim for damages may arise, and the city council may neglect to apply to said Commissioners, the city council may make such application, and the proceedings thereon shall in all respects be the same as specified in the second section of this Act.

§ 5. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Muscatine Journal and Democratic Enquirer, the expense of which shall be paid by said city.

APPROVED January 24th, 1855.

## CHAPTER 51.

### ASHTON.

AN ACT to change the name of Bloomfield to Ashton.

§ 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That the name of Bloomfield, of the County of Muscatine, be, and is hereby changed to Ashton.

APPROVED January 22, 1855.