

CHAPTER 50.

TO MAKE PRINTED ORDINANCES OF FORT DODGE EVIDENCE.

AN ACT to Make the Printed Copies of the Ordinances of Fort Dodge, Webster County, Iowa, Primary Evidence of said Ordinances, and to Legalize and Validate the same. H. F. 155.

WHEREAS, In the summer of the year 1880, the ordinances of the city of Fort Dodge, Webster county, Iowa, were by the Fort Dodge Times Publishing House printed, by order of the city council of Fort Dodge, in a book entitled, "Ordinances of the City of Fort Dodge, Webster county, Iowa," said printed copies of said ordinances being at the time of said publishing carefully compared with the original written ordinances of said city, and found to be correct; and, Preamble.

WHEREAS, The book[s] containing the said original written ordinances were wholly destroyed and consumed by fire in the month of October, 1880; and, written ordinances destroyed.

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to whether said printed copies of said ordinances can be used as primary evidence of said ordinances in suits brought on the same, and as to whether said printed copies are the legal and valid ordinances of the city of Fort Dodge; therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That what purports to be ordinances of the city of Fort Dodge, contained in a book known as the "Ordinances of the City of Fort Dodge, Webster county, Iowa," published by order of the city council of the city of Fort Dodge, and printed by the Fort Dodge Times Publishing House, in the year 1880, be and the same are hereby made primary evidence of the ordinances of said city in suits instituted on or under the same, and are hereby made in every respect, and to all intents and purposes, of the same legal effect, force, and efficacy as the original written ordinances of said city would be if the same were now in existence. Printed ordinances primary evidence.

SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and in The Fort Dodge Messenger, without expense to the state. Publication.

Approved, March 10, 1882.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Iowa State Register* March 14, and *The Fort Dodge Messenger* March 24, 1882.
J. A. T. HULL, *Secretary of State.*