

To organize fire, hook, ladder and axe companies.— Fire Companies.
 To provide fire engines, and other apparatus for the extinguishment of fires. To appoint during pleasure, Wardens and Engineers of the fire department. To appoint during pleasure a competent number of Firemen and prescribe Fireman.
 their duties, and to impose fines and forfeitures upon them, for the violation of the rules and regulations prescribed, and generally to establish such regulations for the prevention and extinguishment of fires, as the City Council deem expedient.

SEC. 22. That all taxes assessed by virtue of any law or Lien of taxes.
 ordinance of the City of Keokuk, upon the real estate in said City, shall remain a *lien* upon said real estate, until said taxes are paid to said City, or her proper collecting officer, and so much of any law that conflicts with this provision is hereby repealed.

SEC. 23. This act to take effect from and after its publi- Take effect.
 cation in the *Gate City* and *Times* published at the City of Keokuk.

I certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Gate City*, July 26 and *Keokuk Times* on the 25th day of July, 1856.

GEO. W. McCLEARY,
 Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 18.

MUSCATINE.

AN ACT to amend the act to incorporate the City of Muscatine.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That from and after the passage of this act, the following shall be the boundaries of said City of Muscatine, commencing at a point in the centre of the main channel of the Mississippi River, where the south line of section, ten, tp. seventy-six, north of range two west, of 5th P. M. should strike, thence west and along said section line to the west line of said section ten; thence north and along the

section lines of sections ten, three, thirty-four and twenty-seven, to the north west corner of the south west quarter of section twenty-seven, township seventy-seven, north of range two west of 5th P. M. thence east through the center of sections twenty-seven, twenty-six and twenty-five, to a point where said line strikes the township line, between ranges one and two west; thence south and along said township line, to a point in the center of the main channel of the Mississippi river; thence along the centre of said channel, and with the course of the same to the point of beginning.

Road districts SEC. 2. That said City of Muscatine, as above bounded may hereafter form two Road Districts, the boundaries of which shall be determined by the City Council, and until so determined it shall constitute one Road District, and the Road taxes assessed by the County authorities upon the persons and property in said City, shall hereafter only be payable to such persons as the City Council may authorize to receive the same. And the County Collector is hereby prohibited from paying said road taxes to any other person or officer than such as shall be authorized to receive and receipt for the same by the City Council.

Extension of streets and alleys. SEC. 3. That it shall be competent for the Council of said city to take any steps which they may deem necessary to secure the extension of the present streets and alleys of the old city limits through the grounds which by this act are added thereto: *Provided*, that in no case shall such extension be made and dedicated to the use of the public without the city being liable for full compensation to the owners of all such property as may be thus taken and dedicated.

Change of sts. and alleys. SEC. 4. That it shall and may be lawful for the City Council of said city to make any changes in the shape and width of any streets or alleys of said City, either in the old or new limits. To shut up old and make new streets and alleys: *Provided*, that in all and every such case the said City shall be liable to make full compensation at the fair cash value to the owners of all property which shall thus be taken for public use and for all damages which the owners may sustain by any change which said City Council may any time see proper to make.

Vacate old and make new.

Damages.

SEC. 5. That all lands lying within the Territory here-^{Taxed by the} by brought into the City, and not laid out into lots or out lots ^{acre.} shall not be assessed or taxed otherwise than by the acre according to its value for agricultural, horticultural, mining or other purposes, but improvements thereon may be taxed their full value.

SEC. 6. The City Council shall have full power to ^{Grades.} establish grades for contemplated streets and alleys in the new limits and may make such grades conform to the grades of the old limits of said city or not, as they may deem advisable and said city shall not be liable for any damage done to buildings by grading in the new limits, unless said buildings shall have been erected before the establishment of the grades in this section contemplated.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect from and after its ac- ^{Take effect.} ceptance by the City Council of Muscatine and its publication in the "Muscatine Journal" and "Iowa Democratic Enquirer"—the expense of said publication to be paid by the City of Muscatine.

APPROVED, July 14th, 1856.

I certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa Democratic Enquirer July 31st, and in the Muscatine Journal July 26, A. D. 1856.

GEO. W. McCLEARY,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 19.

BLOOMFIELD.

AN ACT to amend "an act to incorporate the town of Bloomfield, Iowa.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the* ^{Mayor's juris-} *State of Iowa,* That section third of said act, be amended ^{diction.} as follows: The Mayor of said town shall have concurrent jurisdiction with Justices of the Peace over all crimes committed in the corporate limits of said town.

SEC. 2. Changes of venue to the Courts of Justices of the ^{Venue.} Peace, shall be allowed for the causes, and according to the