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Amending the Charter of the City of New Haven.

Resolved by this Assembly, SEC. 1. The court of common council of the city of New Haven may, whenever in its opinion the public good shall so require, order that any street or streets, highway or highways now or hereafter existing within said city, shall be paved, cobbled, macadamized or otherwise improved, and may, upon the execution of any such order, assess upon the persons whose property is especially benefited thereby a proportional and reasonable part of the expense thereof, and may estimate the particular amount of such expense to be paid by every such person; said assessments to be made, published and collected or secured, as the case may be, in the same manner, in all respects, as now provided by the fourth and fifth sections of the resolution passed May session, 1862, and approved June 27th, 1862, making said city a highway district by itself; and all the provisions of said sections are hereby re-enacted and made a part of this act.

SEC. 2. It is hereby made the duty of the board of road commissioners of said city, to execute all orders which may be made in pursuance of the foregoing section.

SEC. 3. Whenever in laying out, altering or improving any highway, street, park or sewer in said city, it shall be necessary to take, or to assess damages for, or benefits against any land whose owner is unknown, any judge of the superior or supreme court of this state may make an order of notice to such owner and prescribe the manner of serving the same. And such notice shall, when served in the manner prescribed, be reasonable notice, and such owner shall, upon such service be deemed to have received reasonable notice of such taking or assessment, and said land may thereupon be taken, and said damages and benefits assessed in manner and form as now provided by law.

SEC. 4. This resolution may be amended, altered or repealed by the general assembly, on application of said city, and shall take effect from the day of its passage.

Approved July 21, 1865.

Amending the Charter of the City of Hartford and Providing for an Additional Supply of Pure and Wholesome Water.

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen whether the charter of said city confers upon the board of water commissioners therein constituted the power to take and convey, for and in behalf of said city, a supply of water from any other source than the Connecticut river: therefore,

Resolved by this Assembly, SEC. 1. That said charter shall be construed in the same manner and said board of water commissioners shall have the same powers as if the stream in West Hartford, called Trout Brook, or any other stream or water source within the towns of West Hartford or Hartford, had been expressly named therein; and any land or water right, title, privilege or franchise which may be required, taken

or impaired for the purpose of supplying said city or said towns with water, under said charter, shall be compensated for and the damages ascertained, liquidated and paid in the same manner as is provided in the twenty-fourth section of said charter.

SEC. 2. If said city shall approve this resolution in the manner hereinafter provided, and said board of water commissioners shall introduce water into said city from said Trout Brook or other water source as aforesaid, it shall be lawful and shall be the duty of said board of water commissioners to supply said water to the inhabitants of the aforesaid towns living within a reasonable distance from the line of main pipes at the same rate of water rents and upon the same terms and conditions that the inhabitants of said city are or may be from time to time supplied; and the said water rents shall constitute a lien on lots, houses and tenements within said towns and be collected and enforced in the same manner that water rents are or may be collected and enforced in said city of Hartford.

SEC. 3. Said board of water commissioners shall not be authorized under this resolution to take and convey water from said Trout Brook or other water source as aforesaid within the towns of West Hartford or Hartford until this resolution shall be approved in the manner herein prescribed. A special meeting of said city shall be called by the mayor of said city in the manner provided by the ordinances of said city for calling special meetings thereof for the purpose of approving or disapproving this resolution. The vote at said meeting shall be by ballot, and shall be cast by the freemen of said city in their respective wards. The ballot-boxes shall be opened at seven o'clock in the forenoon and close at five o'clock in the afternoon of the day of said meeting. Upon each ballot shall be written or printed the words "Trout Brook," or the words "Connecticut River"; if three-fifths of the ballots cast at said meeting shall have upon them the words "Trout Brook," then this resolution shall be deemed approved.

Approved July 21, 1865.

Amending the Charter of the City of Hartford and Combining sundry Public Statutes relating thereto.

Resolved by this Assembly, SEC. 1. The board of water commissioners of the city of Hartford shall, after the second Monday in April, A. D. 1867, consist of six persons, who shall be chosen as follows, and shall hold office until their respective successors shall be elected and qualified. Said city shall annually, at the annual city meetings for the choice of city officers, choose two persons by ballot to be members of said board, who shall hold their offices for the term of three years; and in voting for said officers each person shall vote for one person for water commissioner and no more; the two persons who shall have the highest number of votes shall be deemed to be elected.

SEC. 2. The board of commissioners chosen under the provisions of this act shall, until the second Monday in April, A. D. 1868, act in concert with those heretofore elected during their several terms as the