

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh, New York, held December 22nd, 1939.

PRESENT: Mayor Bouyea, Aldermen Holland, O'Connell, Raymond, Light, Behan and McCready.

By Alderman RAYMOND; seconded by Alderman BEHAN:

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 of 1940.

ENTITLED AN ACT CREATING THE POSITION OF BUILDING INSPECTOR UNDER AND BY OPEN COMPETITIVE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION, FIXING THE SALARY THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE THEREOF.

BE IT ENACTED by the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to appoint a Building Inspector under open competitive Civil Service Examination, for which a salary of \$1500.00 per annum is hereby fixed, to be payable from an amount to be set up in the General City Fund of the Budget to be adopted for the year 1940 and each year thereafter; said salary to be paid semi-monthly on payrolls to be audited and approved by the Mayor, the Secretary of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, and the Common Council.

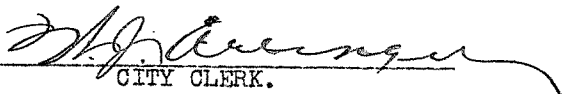
Section 2. The duties of the Building Inspector shall be as follows: He shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office. He shall receive applications required by the Building Code, examine plans, specifications and issue Building Permits. He shall examine premises for which permits have been issued for construction, reconstruction, alterations, etc., and make necessary inspections to see that the provisions of the Building Code are complied with, and that the construction, repairs, etc., are prosecuted in accordance with safety and with the plans and specifications filed. He shall enforce all laws relating to the construction, alteration, repair, removal, demolition, equipment, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of buildings and structures, except as may be otherwise provided for. He shall, when requested by the Mayor or Common Council, or when the interests of the City so require, make investigations in connection with matters referred to in the Building Code and render written reports on the same. For the purpose of enforcing compliance with law, to remove illegal or unsafe conditions, to secure the necessary safeguards during construction or to render existing buildings safe, he shall issue such orders or notices pertinent thereto or necessary therefor. He shall make all inspections required under the provisions of the Building Code of the City of Plattsburgh, N.Y., and of the State Standard Building Code in respect to the maintenance of Places Of Public Assembly. Provided such rules are merely to carry into effect the statutory provisions of the Building Code and not in the nature of new legislation, he shall adopt rules as prescribed in the Building Code and consistent therewith; it being the intent of this requirement that the standards of Federal, State, National, Technical Organizations or Fire Underwriters, as the same may be amended from time to time shall serve as a guide in fixing the minimum rules of practice under the provisions of the Building Code. For the purpose of securing for the public the benefits of new developments in the building industry, and yet insuring public safety, he shall make or cause to be made investigations, or may accept duly authenticated reports from a reliable source, of new materials or modes of construction, intended for use in the construction of buildings or structures in the City which are not provided for in the Building Code, and shall set forth the conditions under

which such materials or modes of construction may be used. He shall keep careful and comprehensive records of applications, of permits issued, of inspections made, of reports rendered and of notices or orders issued; he shall make a report to the Mayor or Common Council of all transactions of his office, as provided for in the Building Code. He shall be responsible for the maintenance and condition of the City Tax Maps, and all related records thereto. He shall supply the Board of Assessors, the City Chamberlain and the City Clerk with any information he may have or accumulate which may prove to be of service in the prosecution of the duties of their respective offices. He shall also provide the Board of Assessors with an annual change list of properties which have changed ownership during the period of any one year. He shall make any required inspection which may be necessary to correctly ascertain the status of any property as is to be shown on the Assessment Roll. He shall make and keep his records available to the public at reasonable hours, but shall not permit their removal from his office, nor allow copies or tracings to be made therefrom unless in his judgment, the same cannot be construed as being of a confidential nature. He may request and shall receive so far as it may be necessary in the discharge of the duties of his office, the assistance and cooperation of the City Engineer in the fixing of grades, of the Chief of Police in enforcing orders, of the Corporation Counsel in prosecuting violations, and of any other City official as the occasion may require. In the discharge of his duties, and upon proper identification, he shall have the authority to enter any building or premises at any reasonable hour.

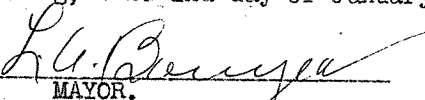
This Local Law shall take effect January 1st, 1940.

On roll call, Aldermen Holland, O'Connell, Raymond, Light, Behan and McCready voted in the affirmative; no one in the negative.
CARRIED.

The foregoing Local Law certified to the Mayor this 27th day of December, 1939.


CITY CLERK.

The foregoing Local Law, being Numbered Local Law No. 1 of 1940, is hereby approved after Public Hearing, this 2nd day of January, 1940,


MAYOR.

Introduced at meeting of the Common Council held December 8, 1939.

Passed at regular meeting of the Common Council held December 22, 1939.

Certified to the Mayor December 27, 1939.

Notice of Public Hearing Published Dec. 29, 1939.

Approved by the Mayor, after Public Hearing held, January 2, 1940.