

Ordinance No 137

Ord No. 137 An ordinance relating to the meetings, powers and compensation
Rep 666 of the City Council

The People of the City of Chicago do ordain as follows.

Section I. That the regular meeting of the City Council, shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at such time and place as they shall designate, and it may adjourn to the next succeeding regular meeting, or to some specified time prior thereto; and it may be convened by the Mayor at any time, upon notice given to each member of the Council, at that time present in the City.

Section II. A majority of the members of the Council, shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a less number may meet and adjourn from time to time, and compel the attendance of absent members.

Section III. The Council shall adopt rules for the government of its members, and its proceedings, and on the call of any two members must cause the yeas and nays to be taken and entered upon its Journal, upon any question before it, but upon a question to adjourn the yeas and nays shall not be taken, unless upon a call of three members. Its deliberations and proceeds must be public.

Section IV. The Council may punish any member for disorderly and improper conduct at any meeting, or for refusing or neglecting to attend any regular meeting, without sufficient excuse therefore, and may by two thirds vote expel a member and may declare by ordinance, for what offenses City Officers may be impeached, but the Council shall be and constitute a court, to try all cases of impeachment and may provide the manner of conducting trials of the same.

Section V. The Council when in session, may pass or repeal any ordinance, or parts of ordinances not inconsistent with the Charter, and may make any order for the government or improvement of the City, and the Council shall pass, all necessary rules, orders and regulations, by ordinance, or otherwise, for the purpose of carrying into effect the powers and provisions of the City Charter.

Section VI. The Mayor of the City is ex officio presiding officer

of the Council, and shall preside over its deliberations when in session, he is not entitled to vote except in case of a tie vote of the members of the Council. He also has authority to preserve order enforce the rules of the Council, and determine the order of business subject to such rules, and to an appeal to the Council. If the Mayor shall be absent from any meeting of the Council, they shall elect one of the members to act as Mayor, during that meeting of the Council, or until the Mayor shall attend, and such member, during the time of his appointment shall have the same power as the Mayor has.

Section VII. A majority of the whole number constituting the Council, is a majority of the Council or members thereof within the meaning of the Charter, and not otherwise unless expressly so provided, provided the concurrence of a majority of a quorum, is a sufficient majority to determine any question or matter other than the first passage of an ordinance, or the appointment of removal of an officer.

Section VIII. The Mayor and alderman shall each be allowed the sum of one dollar, for each meeting of the Council attended to be paid quarterly, as other claims against the City and any member who shall be absent himself from any meeting of the Council shall be fined the sum of two (2) dollars, said fine to be assessed by the Recorder, and by him accounted for to the City, provided this penalty shall not attach to any member who is sick, or absent from the City, or who gives a satisfactory excuse.

Section IX. When any member of the Council shall remove from the ward from which he was elected, or shall be absent from three regular consecutive meetings, without first obtaining leave of absence of the Council, the office shall be deemed vacant, provided a change of any ward, shall not be deemed to change the resident of any alderman, or as to create or cause a vacancy, in such office, and when any such vacancy shall occur the Council shall appoint some resident of the ward to fill the same, for the remainder of the term.

Section X. On the first Monday next following the annual election, there shall be a regular meeting of the Council in accordance with the City Charter, for the purpose of closing the business of the preceding year, and organizing the new Council.

Section XI. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

Section XII. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days from and after its publication.

Passed the Council August 18th 1886

Approved August 25th 1886. W. M. Kitchum
Mayor

Attest:

W. J. Henton,
Recorder of the City of Albany.