02-23

An Ordinance regulating City Elections.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of San Antonio.

Sec. 1st. That there shall be appointed by the Mayor and City Council, one Presiding Officer and two Judges of Election in each Ward, who shall be the Managers of Election, and have power to appoint two Clerks to aid them in conducting the Election, and have authority to administer oaths, as provided in the general Law of the State regulating Elections. The Managers and Clerks of Election shall be paid ten dollars each at all general Elections of City Officers; at the annual Election of Aldermen, and at all other Special Elections, for whatever purpose, they shall be paid five (5) dollars each.

Sec. 2nd. The Mayor shall give at least thirty days notice of all general, and twenty days notice of all Special Elections, in the City, and require the Polls to be kept open from 8 o'clock A. M. until 6 o'clock P. M. Immediately after the closing of the Polls the Officers of the Election shall proceed to count without any intermission the votes polled in their respective precincts and make returns thereof, to the returning Officers of the City.

Sec. 3rd. The returning Officers, ten days after the Election, (exclusive of sundays) shall open the returns of the Election, estimate the result, recording the state of the polls, of each precinct, in a book to be kept by them for that purpose; and after making such estimate they shall, the first day thereafter deliver to the candidates, for whom the greatest number of votes have been polled, a certificate of Election, and shall publish the result of the Election, in the official Journal of the City. The persons receiving certificates of Election shall qualify within ten days (exclusive sundays) thereafter.

Sec. 4th. The Mayor shall cause all places where intoxicating liquors are sold, or given away, to be closed during the day of Election, until the polls are closed; and any person refusing to close such house, establishment or place, shall be arrested and kept in confinement until the day following the Election, when he or she, shall be tried, and if found guilty, shall be fined in a sum not less than ten, nor more than one hundred dollars, and upon refusal to pay said fine shall be imprisoned in the City Jail, not exceeding thirty days; and any Police Officer is authorized to seize any liquor offered for sale, or to be given away, upon any open, or public place, or highway, and the person so offending shall be subject to the penalty herein imposed.

Provided however that at all Elections except general Elections of City Officers, it shall be left to the discretion of the Mayor, to enforce, or not the provissions of this Section.

Sec. 5th That all ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith, be, and the same are, hereby repealed, and that this ordinance take effect from and after its passage.

Passed and approved Dec. 7th 1875.

An Ordinance 02-24

Amending an ordinance regulating the City Markets, passed Dec. 19th 1870

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of San Antonio that Sec. 191 of the City Digest be and the same is hereby amended by striking out all after the number of the Section and inserting the following to wit:

Sec 1st That any person desiring to lease any stall within said Markets for any of the purposes contemplated by section 190 shall apply to the Mayor in writing stating the stall he desires, and the purpose of his lease, and if the same be unoccupied, and the applicant be of good reputable character the Mayor shall lease to him said stall and extend to him a license to pursue his vending therein so long as he shall conform to the rules enacted therefor.

Sec. 2nd And be it further ordained that sec. 192 of the City Digest be stricken out all after the number of the section, and that the following be substituted, to wit:

That from and after January 1st 1876 the Lessees of the meat stalls in the Market House on the west side of the River shall pay to the City a monthly rent as follows in advance

Nos. 1. 2. 21 and 22 Each $20.00
" 3. 6. 7. 17 and 20 " $15.00
" 4 and 19 " $17.50
" 5. 8. 9. 10 and 18 " $10.00

and in addition thereto the Lessee or occupant of each stall above mentioned shall pay to the City for each beef offered for sale by them $1.00

For each calf offered for sale by them .50
" " Hog " " " " " .25