

**283.** Every council may make regulations not specifically provided for by this Act, and not contrary to law, for governing the proceedings of the council, the conduct of its members, the appointing or calling of special meetings of the council, and generally such other regulations as the good of the inhabitants of the municipality requires, and may repeal, alter and amend its by-laws, save as by this Act restricted. 46 V. c. 18, s. 285.

NOTE.—Every council should have a by-law of rules and regulations, as, by acting in conformity therewith, no unseemly controversies are likely to take place as to Parliamentary usage, etc., for special meetings, see ss. 236, 237.

**284.** A municipal council shall be deemed and considered as always continuing and existing, notwithstanding any annual or other election of the members composing the same, and upon and after the annual or other election of the members thereof, and their having organized and held their first meeting as a council, every council may take up and carry on to completion all by-laws, reports and proceedings which had been begun or have been under consideration by the council, either in the then next preceding year or subsequent or prior thereto, and it shall not be necessary to begin *de novo* with any by-law, proceeding, report, matter or thing entertained by the council in such preceding year, or subsequent or prior thereto, as aforesaid. 49 V. c. 37, s. 43.

**285.** In all cases where, under the provisions of this Act, or of any other Act, any council or the board of commissioners of police, in any city, or either of them, is or are authorized to pass by-laws for licensing any trade, calling, business, or profession, or the person carrying on or engaged in any such trade, calling, business, or profession, the council and the board of commissioners of police, respectively, shall have the power to pass by-laws for fixing the sum to be paid for such license, for exercising any such trade, calling, business, or profession, in the municipality, and enforcing the payment of the license fee, and determining the time the license shall be in force. 46 V. c. 18 s. 286.

**286.** No council shall have the power to give any person an exclusive right of exercising, within the municipality, any trade or calling, or to impose a special tax