

exterior of all houses, buildings and real property of any description, within the said City, for the purpose of ascertaining, whether the rules and regulations to be made as aforesaid have been duly observed and obeyed, and for obliging all proprietors, possessors or occupants of such houses, buildings or real property, to admit such officers and persons into and upon the same at the times and for the purposes aforesaid;

5. For vesting in such Members of the said Council and in such officers as shall be designated in such By-laws, the power of causing to be demolished or taken down, all buildings or fences which such members or officers shall deem necessary to be demolished or taken down in order to arrest the progress of any fire;

6. For preventing thefts and depredations at fires; and for punishing any person who shall resist or maltreat any member or officer of the Council in the execution of any duty assigned to him, or in the exercise of any power vested in him, by any By-law made under the authority of this Section.

7. For defraying out of the funds of the City any expense to be incurred by the said Council, in assisting any person in their employ, who shall have received any wound or contracted any disease at any fire, or in assisting or providing for the family of any person in their employ who shall perish at any fire, or in bestowing rewards in money, medals or otherwise, upon any person who shall have performed any meritorious action at any fire.

8. For establishing or authorizing to be established after any and every fire in the said City, if deemed necessary, a judicial inquiry into the cause and origin of such fire, for which purpose the said Council or any Committee thereof, authorized to the effect aforesaid, is hereby authorized and empowered to compel the attendance of parties and witnesses before them, under pain of fine or imprisonment, or both, to examine them on oath, and to commit for trial, any party or parties against whom well grounded cause of suspicion may be found, of their having wilfully or maliciously originated the said fire or fires.

9. For imposing over and above all other rates, assessments or duties, which the said Council are empowered to impose, an annual rate or assessment to be assessed and levied on all real property within the said City, or upon the owners or occupiers thereof in respect of such property, provided that such assessment shall not in any one year exceed three pence in the pound on the assessed value of the property, lying and being within the said City, and for regulating the time and manner such rate or assessment shall be collected; and by any By-law for any of the purposes for which the said Council are authorized by this section of this Act to make any By-law, the said Council may impose such fine, not exceeding five pounds, or such imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both, as they may deem expedient for enforcing the same.