

1. For regulating the construction, dimensions, height and elevation of chimneys above the roof, or even in certain cases above the neighboring houses and buildings; and at whose costs such chimneys shall be raised, and within what delay they shall be raised or repaired;

2. For defraying, out of the funds of the said town, any expenses that the Council shall deem necessary to incur for the purchase of fire engines or apparatus of any kind to be used at fires, or for taking such means as shall appear to them most effectual for preventing accidents by fire, or arresting the progress of fires;

3. For preventing thefts and depredations which may be committed at any fire in the said town, and for punishing any person who shall resist or maltreat any member or officer of the said Council in the discharge of any duty assigned to him by the said Council under the authority of this section;

4. For establishing, or authorizing and requiring to be established after each fire in the said town, 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, may summon and compel the attendance of witnesses, and examine them on oath, which oath shall be administered to them by any members of the said Council or of such Committee; and the said Council or Committee may also deliver over to be imprisoned, in the common gaol of the district, any person against whom well-grounded cause of suspicion may be found of his having maliciously originated the said fire;

5. For regulating the manner in which, and the periods of the year when chimneys shall be swept, and for granting licenses to such number of chimney sweeps as the said Council shall think proper to employ, and for obliging all proprietors, tenants or occupants of houses in the said town to allow their chimneys to be swept by such licensed chimney sweeps; and for fixing the rates to be paid for sweeping chimneys, either to the Council or such licensed chimney sweeps; and for imposing a penalty of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars on all persons refusing to allow their chimneys to be swept or whose chimneys may have caught fire after any refusal to allow them to be swept. such penalty to be recovered before any Justice of the Peace; and whenever any chimney which shall have caught fire, as aforesaid, shall be common to several houses, or be used by several families in the same house, the said Justice of the Peace shall have power to impose the above penalty in full on each house or family, or to divide the same among them in proportion to the degree of negligence shown on proof before him;

6. For regulating the manner in which ashes or quick lime shall be kept in the said town, and for preventing the inhabitants of the said town from carrying fire in the streets without necessary precaution,—from making a fire in any street,—from going from their house to their yards and out-buildings, and entering therein with lighted candles not enclosed in lanterns; and generally for making such regulations as they may deem necessary for preventing or diminishing accidents by fire;

7. For regulating the conduct of all persons present at any fire in the said town; for obliging idle persons to assist in extinguishing the fire, or in saving effects which may be in danger, and for obliging all the inhabitants of the said town to keep at all times upon and in their houses, ladders, fire-buckets, battering rams and fire-hooks, in order more easily to arrest the progress of the fires;