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 An Ordinance for Regulating and Inspecting  
 Weights and Measures used within the City of Baltimore.

Sec I. Be it enacted and Ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that two persons be annually appointed Keepers of the Standards of weights and Measures, whose duty it shall be safely to keep and preserve the same, and when required to deliver them to the Mayor or such other person as he may appoint to receive the same, and to perform the several duties prescribed by this or any other Ordinance of this Corporation respecting Weights and Measures, and before they shall enter upon the duties of their appointment they shall each give Bond to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore in the penal sum of One thousand dollars conditional for the faithful discharge of all the duties appertaining to their Office, and one of the said keepers shall be the keeper of the Standards of weights and of liquid Measures, and the other of dry and long Measures.

Sec II. And be it enacted and Ordained, that all weights and Measures used within the City of Baltimore, in the vending of Articles, shall be inspected and Stamped, or branded by the said Standard keepers, under a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars to be paid by the person or persons owning or using the same; and when adjusted shall be by the said Standard keepers branded or stamped with the letters B.S., meaning thereby, Baltimore Standard, in such manner and or such parts of the said Weights and Measures, as in their judgment shall be most lasting and effectual in preventing and detecting fraudulent practices or impositions in the use of such Weights and Measures, and the like inspection shall be repeated once in every year, and the branding or stamping renewed when necessary. And such weights and measures so Examined and branded or stamped as aforesaid and no other shall be used within the City of Baltimore in vending of such Articles as are directed by Law to be, or are usually sold by weight or Measure, under a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars, and all Articles sold within the City of Baltimore, and usually sold by weight or Measure, or by Law directed so to be, shall be sold by weight or Measure aforesaid, as the case may be, under a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars.

Sec III. And be it enacted and Ordained, that if any Weight or Measure, which shall have been branded or stamped, agreeably to the provisions of this Ordinance, shall

be broken, injured, altered or changed or condemned by the Standard keeper, and found thereafter in use of any person within the City of Baltimore, every such person shall forfeit and pay twenty dollars for every such offence.

Sec IV. And be it enacted and Ordained, that all scale beams used in the vending of articles in the City of Baltimore, shall be inspected and stamped by the keeper of the Standards of Weights, as weights are directed to be stamped; and any person using scale beams in the City not stamped as herein directed, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding twenty dollars for each and every offence.

Sec V. And be it enacted and Ordained, that the said Standard keepers, shall respectively have and receive as a compensation for the discharge of the duties required of them, the following sums, to wit, for every Bushel Measure Eighteen and three fourth Cents; for every half bushel, peck and half peck measure twelve and a half Cents, for every five gallon measure twelve and a half Cents, for every Gallon, half gallon, quart, pint, half pint, gill or half gill measure six and a quarter Cents; for every fifty six pound or fifty pound weight ten Cents, for every twenty eight, twenty five fourteen or seven pound weight five Cents, for every set of weights from four pounds to half an ounce twenty five Cents, for every single weight under seven pounds four Cents, for every Yard measure six and a quarter Cents, for stamping every scale beam not exceeding Eighteen inches twelve and a half Cents, if above Eighteen inches and not exceeding thirty six inches twenty five Cents, if above thirty six inches thirty seven and a half Cents, to be paid by the person offering such Measure, weight or scale beams for inspection.

Sec VI. And be it enacted and Ordained, that the keeper of the Standard of weights and Measures, shall attend at the different Markets, Ware houses, stores and shops within the City at least once in each and every year, and shall inspect and adjust all beams and scales, weights and Measures therein used or intended to be used, and each of them shall keep a Book in which he shall register the names of the persons whose beams and scales, weights and Measures he has so adjusted together with the day of the month and year, and the number and description of the same so adjusted, which Book he shall submit to the inspection of the Mayor, once in every year or oftener if the Mayor shall require it.

Sec VII. And be it enacted and Ordained, that if any person or persons shall refuse or neglect to have his, her or their \_\_\_\_\_ beams and scales, weights and Measures inspected and adjusted as aforesaid when required so to do by the