

An Ordinance for regulating the Sweeping of Chimneys in the City of Baltimore and for other purposes.

Sec. I. Be it enacted and Ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that there shall be annually appointed and licensed seven Superintendants of Chimney Sweepers, who shall be assigned to separate Districts of the City to be designated by the Mayor, and who shall reside in their respective districts, and no person shall exercise the Employment of Superintendant of Chimney Sweepers until he shall have obtained from the Mayor a license under the Seal of the Corporation, on pain of forfeiting for every such offence a sum not exceeding five dollars, and for every license aforesaid each Superintendant shall annually pay to the Register for the use of the City Fifty dollars, and before any license shall be granted or renewed, every person appointed Superintendant of Chimney Sweepers shall give Bond to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore in the penal sum of One hundred dollars with security to the satisfaction of the Mayor, with Condition that he will faithfully execute the employment of Superintendant of Chimney Sweepers in his district, will duly pay and satisfy all just claims that may be against him as such, and in all things will and faithfully perform the several duties required by the Ordinances of the Corporation relating to his Office.

Sec. II. And be it enacted and Ordained that each Superintendant is hereby directed to apply to the Occupier or Occupiers of every house or of any room or apartment within his district for permission to sweep any Chimney in such House, or belonging to such room, which hath been so much used as to require in the opinion of the Superintendant to be swept and hath not been swept at any time within the term of four weeks next proceeding the day of such application; and if the said occupier or Occupiers will not then permit such Superintendant to sweep such Chimney or will not appoint a reasonable time within twenty four hours thereafter for the doing thereof, or will not permit such Chimney to be swept at the time which may be so appointed, he, she or they shall pay to the Superintendant the same sum of money as if such Chimney had been swept by him, and shall forfeit and pay to the Corporation a sum not exceeding five dollars, and in such case the said Superintendant shall be and he is

hereby directed to apply each and every day for the sweeping of such Chimney until the same be actually swept, and upon every such application if the occupier or occupiers of such house or room will not permit him to sweep such Chimney he shall be entitled as aforesaid to receive each and every day from such occupier or Occupiers the same sum of money as if such Chimney had been swept by him, and every such occupier or Occupiers shall forfeit and pay to the Corporation for each and every such offence a sum not exceeding five dollars.

Sec. III. And be it enacted and Ordained, that if any of the said Superintendants do not every four weeks apply as aforesaid for permission to sweep each and every Chimney within his district, which by this Ordinance ought to be swept and each and every day repeat such application as aforesaid, he shall for every such default forfeit and pay to the Corporation a sum not exceeding five dollars, and no Superintendant licensed as aforesaid shall demand or receive from any person directly or indirectly for his services any other or greater fees or rates than are herein allowed, under the penalty of five dollars for every such offence, to wit, for a Chimney of One story Eight Cents, of two stories twelve and a half Cents, three stories fifteen Cents, four or more stories Eighteen Cents, and if any Chimney in the City shall take fire and blaze out at the top, the Superintendant within whose district the said Chimney shall be, shall forfeit and pay to the Corporation the sum of ten dollars, provided nevertheless that such forfeiture shall be paid by the Occupier or Occupiers of the House or Room wherein such Chimney may be in case he, she or they would not permit such Chimney to be swept upon application having been made therefor, by the said Superintendant agreeably to the provisions of this Ordinance.

Sec. IV. And be it enacted and Ordained that each Superintendant of the Sweeps is hereby directed to apply to the owner or Owners of any new built house within his district for permission to scrape the Chimneys belonging to such house before the same is occupied. And if the said Owner or Owners will not permit such Superintendant to scrape such Chimney or Chimneys and suffer the same to remain unscraped until such house is occupied, the said Owner or Owners shall pay to the Superintendant the same sum of Money as if such Chimneys had been scraped by him, and shall forfeit and pay to the Corporation as a fine a sum not exceeding five dollars.