No. 156.

An ordinance to provide for the erection of a Morgue in Baltimore City.

Section 1. Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Mayor, Commissioner of Health and Inspector of Buildings be and they are hereby authorized and directed to select a suitable site on City property, or to select and purchase a suitable site on the water front, or of easy access from the harbor, and cause to be erected thereon a building to be used as a morgue or dead-house, for the reception and preserving for identification of the bodies of unknown persons dying within the limits of the City of Baltimore, and such other bodies as may be directed to be placed therein by the Coroners of Baltimore City, except such bodies which may be so far decomposed as to be beyond the probability of recognition, and the bodies of those who may have died of contagious diseases.

To purchase a site and erect a morgue.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted and ordained, That all bodies not identified and claimed shall remain in said morgue or dead-house for at least one day, or for such a length of time as the Commissioner of Health may deem proper and necessary. In the erection of said morgue such arrangements shall be made as may be deemed necessary for the proper preservation of the bodies.

Regulations.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted and ordained, That a room shall be provided in said morgue or dead-house for the preservation of the clothing and effects for purposes of identification of all deceased persons buried therefrom, which clothing and effects shall be carefully numbered and retained for twelve months, after which time it shall be disposed of by the Coroners, according to the requirements of Section 154, Article IV, of the Code of Public Local Laws.

Regulations.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted and ordained, That the sum of four thousand ($4,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for carrying out the provisions of this ordinance, to be taken out of any unexpended money in the City Treasury.

$4,000 appropriated.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted and ordained, That all ordinances or parts of ordinances and resolutions inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted and ordained, That this ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved July 9, 1890.

ROBERT C. DAVIDSON, Mayor.