



HOUSE BILL No. 5648

February 28, 1996, Introduced by Reps. Cherry, LaForge, Brater, Martinez and Baird and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter XI of Act No. 215 of the Public Acts of 1895, entitled as amended "The fourth class city act," as amended by Act No. 19 of the Public Acts of 1994, being section 91.1 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 1 of chapter XI of Act No. 215 of the
2 Public Acts of 1895, as amended by Act No. 19 of the Public Acts
3 of 1994, being section 91.1 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 CHAPTER XI

6 Sec. 1. (1) A city incorporated under the provisions of
7 this act has, and the council may pass ordinances relating to,
8 the following general powers:

1 (a) To restrain and prevent vice and immorality, gambling,
2 noise and disturbance, and indecent or disorderly conduct or
3 assemblages; to prevent and quell riots; to preserve peace and
4 good order; and to protect the property of the city or of persons
5 in the city.

6 (b) To prohibit vagrancy, truancy, begging, public drunken-
7 ness, disorderly conduct, or prostitution.

8 (c) To prevent injury or annoyance from anything dangerous,
9 offensive, or unhealthy; to prohibit and remove anything tending
10 to cause or promote disease; and to prevent and abate nuisances.

11 (d) To prohibit and suppress places of disorderly conduct,
12 immorality, or vice.

13 (e) To regulate or license the use of places of
14 entertainment.

15 (f) To prohibit and suppress gambling and to authorize the
16 seizure and destruction of instruments and devices used for
17 gambling.

18 (g) To prohibit and prevent the selling or giving of alco-
19 holic liquor, as defined in section 2 of the Michigan liquor con-
20 trol act, Act No. 8 of the Public Acts of the Extra Session of
21 1933, being section 436.2 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

22 (h) To regulate, restrain, or prohibit sports, exhibitions,
23 caravans, and shows for which money or other reward is demanded
24 or received, except lectures on historic, literary, or scientific
25 subjects.

26 (i) To prevent the violation of the Sabbath day, or the
27 disturbance of a religious meeting, congregation, or society or

1 other public meeting assembled for a lawful purpose; and to
2 require businesses to be closed on the Sabbath day.

3 (j) To license, regulate, or prohibit auctioneers, auctions,
4 and sales by public bids or offers by buyers or sellers in the
5 manner of auctions; and to regulate the fees to be paid by and to
6 auctioneers. However, a license shall not be required in case of
7 sales required by law to be made at auction.

8 (k) To license, regulate, or prohibit hawking and peddling
9 and to license pawnbroking.

10 (l) To license and regulate wharf boats and to regulate the
11 use of boats in and about the harbor, if any, and within the
12 jurisdiction of the city.

13 (m) To establish, authorize, license, and regulate ferries
14 to and from the city or a place in the city; and to regulate and
15 prescribe the charges and prices for the transportation of per-
16 sons and property by ferry.

17 (n) To regulate and license taverns, houses of public enter-
18 tainment, saloons, restaurants, and eating houses; and to regu-
19 late and prescribe the location of saloons. This subdivision
20 does not authorize the licensing of the sale of alcoholic liquor,
21 as defined in section 2 of Act No. 8 of the Public Acts of the
22 Extra Session of 1933.

23 (o) To license and regulate vehicles used for the transpor-
24 tation of persons or property for hire in the city; and to regu-
25 late or fix their stands on the streets and public places and at
26 wharves, boat landings, railroad station grounds, and other
27 places.

1 (p) To regulate and license toll bridges within the city and
2 to prescribe the rates and charges for passage over the bridges.

3 (q) To provide for and regulate the inspection of food.

4 (r) To regulate the inspection, weighing, and measuring of
5 brick, lumber, firewood, coal, hay, and any article of
6 merchandise.

7 (s) To provide for the inspection and sealing of weights and
8 measures and to enforce the keeping and use of proper weights and
9 measures by venders.

10 (t) To regulate the construction, repair, and use of vaults,
11 cisterns, areas, hydrants, pumps, sewers, and gutters.

12 (u) To prohibit and prevent indecent exposure of the person;
13 the show, sale, or exhibition for sale of indecent or obscene
14 pictures, drawings, engravings, paintings, books, or pamphlets;
15 and indecent or obscene exhibitions and shows.

16 (v) To regulate or prohibit bathing in the city's bodies of
17 water.

18 (w) To provide for the clearing of driftwood and noxious
19 matter from the city's bodies of water; and to prohibit and pre-
20 vent the depositing in the city's bodies of water of matter tend-
21 ing to render the water impure, unwholesome, or offensive.

22 (x) To compel the owner or occupant of any grocery, tallow
23 chandler shop, soap or candy factory, butcher shop or stall,
24 slaughter house, stable, barn, privy, sewer, or other offensive,
25 nauseous, or unwholesome place to cleanse, remove, or abate it
26 when the council considers it necessary for the health, comfort,
27 or convenience of the inhabitants of the city.

1 (y) To regulate the keeping, selling, and using of dynamite,
2 gunpowder, firecrackers and fireworks, and other explosive or
3 combustible materials; to regulate the exhibition of fireworks
4 and the discharge of firearms; and to restrain the making of
5 fires in the streets and other open spaces in the city.

6 (z) To direct and regulate the construction of cellars,
7 slips, barns, private drains, sinks, and privies.

8 (aa) To prohibit, prevent, and suppress mock auctions and
9 fraudulent games, devices, and practices. Persons managing,
10 using, or practicing; attempting to manage, use, or practice; or
11 aiding in the management or practice of a mock auction or fraudu-
12 lent game, device, or practice may be subject to the provisions
13 of an ordinance under this subdivision.

14 (bb) To prohibit, prevent, and suppress lotteries for the
15 drawing or disposing of money or other property. Persons main-
16 taining, directing, or managing such lotteries or aiding in the
17 maintenance, directing, or managing of such lotteries may be
18 subject to the provisions of an ordinance under this
19 subdivision.

20 (cc) To license and regulate solicitors for passengers or
21 for baggage to and from a hotel, tavern, public house, boat, or
22 railroad and to provide the places where they may be admitted to
23 solicit or receive patronage; and to license and regulate
24 porters, runners, and drivers of vehicles used and employed for
25 hire, to provide the places where they be admitted to solicit or
26 receive patronage, and to fix and regulate the amounts and rates
27 of their compensation.

1 (dd) To provide for the protection and care of paupers.

2 (ee) To provide for taking a census of the inhabitants of
3 the city, whenever the council sees fit, and to direct and regu-
4 late the census.

5 (ff) To provide for the issuing of licenses to the owners
6 and keepers of dogs and to require the owners and keepers of dogs
7 to pay for and obtain such licenses; and to regulate and prevent
8 the running at large of dogs, to require dogs to be muzzled, and
9 to authorize the killing of dogs running at large or not licensed
10 in violation of an ordinance of the city.

11 (gg) To prohibit the possession or use of toy pistols,
12 slingshots, and other dangerous toys or implements within the
13 city.

14 (hh) To require horses, mules, or other animals attached to
15 vehicles or standing in the streets, lanes; or alleys in the city
16 to be securely fastened, hitched, watched, or held and to regu-
17 late the placing and provide for the preservation of hitching
18 posts.

19 (ii) To provide for and regulate the numbering of buildings
20 upon the streets and alleys; to require the owners or occupants
21 of buildings to affix numbers on the buildings; and to designate
22 and change the names of public streets, alleys, and parks.

23 (jj) To provide for, establish, regulate, and preserve
24 public fountains and reservoirs within the city, and troughs and
25 basins for watering animals.

26 (kk) To prevent or provide for the construction and
27 operation of street railways, to regulate street railways, and to

1 determine and designate the route and grade of any street railway
2 to be laid or constructed in the city.

3 (ll) To establish and maintain a public library, to provide
4 a suitable building for that public library, and to aid in main-
5 taining such other public libraries as may be established within
6 the city by private beneficence as the council considers to be
7 for the public good.

8 (mm) To license transient traders. In the case of transient
9 traders who engage in the business of selling goods or merchan-
10 dise after the commencement of the fiscal year, the license fee
11 may be apportioned with relation to the part of the fiscal year
12 that has expired. If such traders continue in the same business
13 after the commencement of the next fiscal year, and their goods
14 or merchandise are assessed for taxes for the next fiscal year,
15 the traders shall not be required to take out a second license
16 upon the commencement of the next fiscal year.

17 (NN) TO REGULATE THE REMOVAL OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE INCLUDING
18 RECYCLABLE MATERIALS.

19 (2) The council may enact ordinances and make regulations,
20 consistent with the laws and constitution of the state as they
21 may consider necessary for the safety, order, and good government
22 of the city and the general welfare of the inhabitants of the
23 city, but exclusive rights, privileges, or permits shall not be
24 granted by the council.