An ordinance of the town of Kent, defining certain misdemeanors and fix-penalties for the punishment of persons guilty of the same.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KENT:

Section 1. Every person in the town of Kent, who shall cruelly over-drive, drive when overloaded, overwork, torture, deprive of necessary sustenance, cruelly beat, mutilate or cruelly kill, or cause, procure, authorize, request or encourage so to be overdriven, overloaded, driven when overloaded, overworked, tortured, tormented, deprived of necessary sustenance, cruelly beaten, mutilated or cruelly killed, any animal; and whoever having the charge or custody of any animal, either as owner or otherwise, inflicts unnecessary suffering or pain upon the same, or unnecessarily fails to provide the same with proper food, drink, air, light, space, shelter or protection from the weather, or who willfully and unreasonably drives the same when unfit for labor, or with yoke or harness that chafes or kills it, or check rein on any part of its harness too tight for its comfort, or at night when it has been six consecutive hours without a full meal, or who cruelly abandons any animal, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 2. The following persons are declared to be guilty of a misdemeanor:

All persons in the Town of Kent, who are idle or dissolute, and who go about begging or soliciting alms for their support, as a business;

All persons who use any juggling or other unlawful games or plays;

Runaways, pilferers, confidence men, common drunkards, common night walkers, lewd, wanton or lascivious persons, in speech and behavior, common sailors and brawlers; persons who are habitually neglectful of the employment or calling, and do not lawfully provide for themselves, or for the support of their families; all persons who are idle or dissolute, or neglect all lawful business and who habitually misspend their time by frequenting houses of ill fame, saloons or tipppling shops; all persons lodging or found in the night time in outhouses, sheds, barns, or unoccupied buildings, or lodging in the open air and not giving a good account of themselves;
All persons who are known to be thieves, burglars, or pickpockets, either by their own confession, or otherwise, or by having been convicted of larceny, burglary or other crime against the laws of the state, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison, or in a house of correction of any city, or in the jail of any city or county, and having no lawful means of support, are habitually prowling around any bank, railroad depot, broker's office, theatre building, or other place of public amusement, auction room, store, shop or crowded thoroughfare, or at any public gathering or assembly, or lounging about any house or out house, saloon or billiard hall; and all persons who habitually idle away their time in or about any saloon, billiard hall, store or public building.

Section 3. Every person who shall, in the town of Kent, disturb any religious meeting, any theatre, or any public gathering of people assembled for a lawful purpose, which is being held and conducted in a lawful manner, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 4. Every person who shall, in the town of Kent, be guilty of soliciting prostitution, upon any of the streets, alleys, or other public places, or who shall solicit any person to visit any house of ill-fame or any bawdy house, or any house or place for the purpose of lewdness or prostitution shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful for any parent or guardian or other person to insult or abuse a teacher before any school, or at any school grounds in the town of Kent. Violation of this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor.

Section 6. Every person who loiters about any school grounds or school building during school hours to the annoyance of any teacher or pupil of any such school shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 7. Every person who shall knowingly cause or make any false alarm of fire within the town of Kent, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, that this section shall not apply to the chief of the fire department when he shall deem it expedient to give such false alarms for discipline of the fire department.
Section 8. Every person who, in the town of Kent, shall leave any horse or other animal attached to any vehicle or conveyance, in any unenclosed place, without being securely fastened or guarded, or who shall carelessly or negligently permit any such animal, while under his charge or control, to escape from him and run or be at large upon any of the streets, alleys or other public places in said town, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 9. Any person or persons conducting a public auction of goods, wares or merchandise, within the corporate limits of the Town of Kent, who shall misrepresent the quality or quantity of any goods he or they may offer for sale at such auction shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 10. Every person who shall open, conduct or carry on within the limits of the Town of Kent, any store, shop or place for the temporary sale of goods or merchandise at retail, without first obtaining a license therefor, and paying to the said town the sum of five dollars per day for each day the same shall be opened, conducted or carried on, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 11. The Marshal, night watch, and any assistant or deputy of the marshal, or any peace officer, in the Town of Kent, shall have the right to demand of any person found abroad in the said town after the hour of midnight a satisfactory account of his business and why he is abroad at such time, and if such officer is satisfied that the public good requires it, he may arrest and detain such person, (having first explained his official character), until further examination and investigation of his case shall determine whether or not he is lawfully abroad. The object of this section is to protect the town from burglaries, robberies and other crimes.

Section 12. Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of sections 1 to 10, both inclusive of this ordinance shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisoned not exceeding thirty days.
Passed the council Meh. 16th. 1908.

Approved Meh. 17th. 1908.

Attent: G. G. Corset

Town Clerk.

W. W. Drewery

Mayor.