

Town Ordinances
(Of record in 1859)

These old laws are interesting and valuable historical records, furnishing a good insight into the spirit of the time. Under the town charter fines for violation of the town ordinances were limited to not exceeding \$100 for each violation, and imprisonment to not exceeding 30 days. Running at random through them we find:^g

An Ordinance Relating to Abusive Language and Drunkenness: Be it ordained by the intendant (mayor) and councilmen of the town of Jacksonville, That any person or persons who shall be guilty of using any abusive or provoking language to any other person or persons, or of making any threats of violence, or of making use of any obscene language, or of immoral conduct, or of profane cursing or swearing, or being drunk in the streets, or of making any noise or disturbance calculated to disturb the public peace and quiet, or of aiding or abetting or being guilty of a riot within the limits of the town of Jacksonville, on conviction thereof shall, at the discretion of the intendant, be fined for each and every offence herein enumerated, not exceeding fifty dollars, or imprisoned not more than fifteen days.

An Ordinance Relating to Sale of Beef: Be it ordained by the intendant and councilmen of the town of Jacksonville, That any person or persons, bringing beef, pork, or mutton, to sell at the public market of said town, shall ring the market bell, at least one minute before exposing the same for sale, and shall remain at the market at least one hour after ringing said bell, unless he sooner dispose of said meats, and shall also bring the hide and ears of each beef, and the ears of each hog and sheep, which shall be inspected by the marshal, and the marks and brands of the same be recorded in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, together with the name of the person or persons who shall bring said beef, pork or mutton for sale, and for such and every record of entry so made, the owner or seller of said beef shall pay the marshal twenty-five cents for each beef, and the owner or seller of said hog or mutton, twelve and one-half cents for each hog and sheep; and any person failing to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, shall be fined not exceeding ten dollars for each and every offence, at the discretion of the intendant.

An Ordinance Regulating Patrols: Be it ordained by the intendant and councilmen of the town of Jacksonville, That the town marshal furnish the intendant, at such times as he may require, a full and complete list of the names of all white male inhabitants of the town of Jacksonville, between the ages of sixteen and fifty-five years; and it shall be the duty of the intendant to require and make said persons do and perform patrol duty within the limits of said corporation of Jacksonville, at any time and at all such times as he may deem necessary,