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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bernier of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Provide for the Creation of the Office of Director of Public Works
for the City of Waterville.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1887, c. 195, § 10-A, additional. Chapter 195 of the private and special laws of 1887, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 10-A, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 10-A. Director of Public Works; appointment, qualifications, salary duties and tenure. The Director of Public Works for the city of Waterville shall be appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of a majority of the City Council in joint convention for an indefinite term of years, subject to the limitations hereinafter stated. The person appointed shall be a person having experience in the field of municipal public works, and shall bear the title of Director of Public Works.

The Director of Public Works, under the direction of the City Council, shall superintend the general condition of the highways, streets, bridges, lanes, alleys, public walks, sidewalks, squares and parks of the city, keeping the same safe and convenient for travelers, and for such purpose shall make contracts for labor and materials for same, subject to such administrative purchasing procedures as may be established from time to time by the Mayor or City Council.

He shall make all necessary arrangements for clearing the streets and sidewalks of all material not proper to remain thereon and for keeping them in a clean and sanitary condition.

He shall have charge of all equipment, machinery and tools used in connection with the operation of the Public Works Department, and shall see that they are properly used and properly taken care of when not in use.

He shall keep an accurate account of all materials contracted for by him in behalf of the city for use on the streets, and shall keep an accurate account of the time of all persons employed by him for the city, and shall prepare payrolls for the same, so that the Committee on Accounts may be able therefrom to determine correctly what shall be due such persons.

He shall, each month, render to the Committee on Accounts, an account of all bills contracted for materials and labor in his department, and on or before the 10th day of February, annually, shall make to the City Council a full and complete report, in writing, of the condition of the roads, streets, bridges and sidewalks, and shall accompany said report with an estimate in detail, of the sum necessary, in his opinion, to be expended in his department for the ensuing year.

He shall establish, organize and administer a system of residential rubbish collection in accordance with such reasonable rules and regulations as may be approved by the Committee on Sanitation of the City Council.

The salary of said Director of Public Works shall be fixed by the City Council and shall not be decreased during his term in office, except upon concurrent vote therefor passed in each branch of the City Council by the assent of two-thirds of the members thereof.

The person employed as said Director of Public Works shall not be subject to removal or dismissal at any time, except for cause after hearing by the City Council in joint convention, and then only by a two-thirds vote of said joint convention of the City Council.

The City Council may from time to time, subject to the provisions of this section and in accordance with the general law, delegate the said Director of Public Works such additional administrative powers or duties as the City Council may by ordinance determine.

Sec. 2. Inconsistent acts repealed. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.