

**THE FOURTH CLASS CITY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 215 of 1895**  
**STREET REGULATIONS.**

**102.11 Obstructions to highways; removal.**

Sec. 11.

The council shall have the power to prohibit and prevent obstructions and encumbrances in, and encroachments upon the public highways, streets and alleys of the city, and to remove the same, and to punish those who shall obstruct, encumber, encroach or maintain any encroachments, upon or in any such highway, street or alley; and to require all such persons to remove every such obstruction, encumbrance and encroachment.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 3183 ;-- CL 1915, 3097 ;-- CL 1929, 2021 ;-- CL 1948, 102.11

**102.12 Shade trees; lighting system.**

Sec. 12.

The council may provide for and regulate the planting of shade and ornamental trees in the public highways, streets and avenues of the city, and for the protection thereof; and may light the streets and public places, and regulate the setting of lamps and lamp posts therein, and protect the same.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 3184 ;-- CL 1915, 3098 ;-- CL 1929, 2022 ;-- CL 1948, 102.12

**102.13 Removal of soil; street openings.**

Sec. 13.

The council may regulate the making of all openings in, and removals of, the soil of public streets, and for the laying or repair of sewers, drains, tunnels, gas pipes, water pipes, or for any other purpose; and may prohibit and prevent all such openings, and removals of the soil, except by express permission of the council, and at such times and upon such terms and regulations as they may prescribe.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 3185 ;-- CL 1915, 3099 ;-- CL 1929, 2023 ;-- CL 1948, 102.13

**102.14 Use of highways and streets.**

Sec. 14.

The council may regulate the use of the public highways, streets, avenues and alleys of the city, subject to the right of travel and passage therein. They shall have authority to prescribe the stands for all vehicles kept for hire, or designate the places where loads of wood, coal, hay and other articles may stand for sale; to regulate traffic and sales in the streets and upon sidewalks; to regulate or prohibit the display, use or placing of signs, advertisements and banners, awning posts and telegraph, telephone or light poles and wires in or over the streets; to prohibit immoderate riding and driving in the streets or over bridges; to regulate or prohibit all such sports, amusements, proceedings and gathering of crowds in the streets as may interfere with the lawful use thereof, or render travel or passage therein inconvenient or unsafe; to prohibit and prevent the running at large of beasts and fowls in the streets or elsewhere in the city, and to impose penalties upon the owners or keepers thereof permitting the same; to

cleanse and purify the streets; and to prohibit, prevent, remove and abate all nuisances therein, and to require the authors and maintainers thereof to remove the same and to punish them; and generally to prescribe and enforce all such police regulations over and in respect to the public streets, as may be necessary to secure good order and safety to persons and property in the lawful use thereof; and to promote the general welfare; and in addition to all other powers herein granted, the council shall have the same authority and powers over and in respect to the public streets of the city, as are conferred by law upon highway commissioners in townships.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895 ;-- CL 1897, 3186 ;-- CL 1915, 3100 ;-- CL 1929, 2024 ;-- CL 1948, 102.14