



# Town Police Clauses Act 1847

## CHAPTER 89

### TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847

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#### *Constables*

- VI Appointment of Constables.
- VII Power to apply for additional Constables in case of Need.
- VIII Constables to be sworn in.
- IX Expences of Prosecutions, and Allowances to Constables.
- X Constables not to resign without Leave or Notice.
- XI Constables dismissed to deliver up Accoutrements.
- XII Penalty for unlawful Possession of Accoutrements, or for assuming the Dress of Constables.
- XIII Power to provide Offices, Watch-houses, &c.
- XIV Duties of Constables.
- XV Power to Police Constables and Persons aggrieved to apprehend certain Offenders.
- XVI Penalty for Neglect of Duty.
- XVII Power to Constables to take Recognizances.
- XVIII Form of Recognizances.
- XIX Recognizances to be registered and returned to the Justice.
- XX Penalties on Persons assaulting Constables.

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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### *Obstructions and Nuisances*

- XXI Power to prevent Obstructions in the Streets during public Processions, &c.
- XXII Tower to regulate the Route of Persons driving Stage Carriages, &c. during Divine Service.
- XXIII Proprietors of Stage Carriages deviating from Route by Order fee from Penalty.
- XXIV Power to impound stray Cattle.
- XXV Power to sell stray Cattle for Penalty and Expences.
- XXVI Persons guilty of Pound breach to be committed for Three Months.
- XXVII Power to provide a Pound.
- XXVIII Penalty on Persons committing any of the Offences herein named.

### *Nuisances*

- XXIX Penalty on drunken Persons, &c. guilty of riotous or indecent Behaviour.

### *Fires*

- XXX Penalty for setting Chimneys wilfully on fire.
- XXXI Penalty for accidentally allowing Chimneys to catch fire.
- XXXII Fire Engines and Firemen may be provided by the Commissioners.
- XXXIII Fire Police permitted to go beyond the Limits of the Act in certain Cases.

### *Places of public Resort*

- XXXIV Penalty on Victuallers harbouring Constables while on Duty.
- XXXV Penalty on Coffee Shop Keepers harbouring disorderly Persons.
- XXXVI Penalty on Persons keeping Places for Bear-baiting, Cock-fighting, &c.

### *Hackney Carriages*

- XXXVII Hackney Carriages to be licensed.
- XXXVIII What to be Hackney Carriages.
- XXXIX Fee to be paid for Licence.
  - XL Persons applying for Licence to sign a Requisition for same.
  - XLI What shall be specified in the Licences.
  - XLII Licences to be registered.
  - XLIII Licence to be in force for One Year only.
  - XLIV Notice to be given by Proprietors of Hackney Carriages of any Change of Abode.
  - XLV Penalty for plying for Hire without a Licence.
  - XLVI Drivers not to act without first obtaining a Licence.
  - XLVII Penalty on Drivers acting without Licence.
  - XLVIII Proprietor to retain Licence of Drivers when in his Employ, and to produce the same when summoned. Justices may endorse Convictions upon Licences. Penalty on Proprietors for Neglect.
  - XLIX Proprietor to return Licence to Drivers when quitting his Service if they behave well, if otherwise, Proprietors to summon them. Compensation in case of Licence being improperly withheld.
  - L Licences to be suspended or revoked for Misconduct.

- LI Number of Persons to be carried in a Hackney Carriage to be painted thereon
- LII Penalty for Neglect or for Refusal to carry the prescribed Number.
- LIII Penalty on Driver for refusing to drive.
- LIV Penalty for demanding more than the Sum agreed for, though less than the legal Fare.
- LV Agreement to pay more than the legal Fare not to be binding, and Sum paid beyond the proper Fare may be recovered back.
- LVI Driver to carry, under an Agreement for a discretionary Distance, the Distance to which Hirer is entitled for the Fare.
- LVII Deposit to be made for Carriages waiting. Penalty on the Driver refusing to wait, or to account for the Deposit.
- LVIII Overcharge by Hackney Coachmen, &c. to be included in Conviction, and returned to aggrieved Party.
- LIX Penalty for permitting Persons to ride without Consent of the Hirer.
- LX No Person to act as Driver of any Carriage without the Consent of the Proprietor.
- LXI Penalty on Drivers misbehaving.
- LXII Penalty for, leaving Carriages unattended at Places of public Resort.
- LXIII Damage done by Driver may be recovered from the Proprietor.
- LXIV Improperly standing with Carriage; refusing to give way to, or obstructing any other Driver; or depriving him of his Fare.
- LXV Justices empowered to award Compensation to Drivers for Loss of Time in attending to answer Complaints not substantiated.
- LXVI Penalty for refusing to pay the Fare.
- LXVII Penalty for damaging Carriage.
- LXVIII Commissioners may make Bye Laws for regulating Hackney Carriages.

#### *Bathing*

- LXIX Bathing Machines.
- LXX Regulations as to Rates.
- LXXI Bye Laws.
- LXXII Tender of Amends.

#### *Recovery of Damages and Penalties*

- LXXIII Recovery of Damages and Penalties.
- LXXIV In Ireland Part of Penalties to be paid to Guardians of Unions.
- LXXV All Things required to be done by Two Justices may, in certain Cases, be done by One.
- LXXVI Persons giving false Evidence liable to Penalties of Perjury.

#### *Access to special Act*

- LXXVII Copies of special Act to be kept and deposited and allowed to be inspected.
- LXXVIII Penalty on failing to keep or deposit such Copies.
- LXXIX Act may be amended, &c.