

Ordinance 9.

In relation to the Collection of Fines

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Wathena:

Section 1. That any person who shall be convicted of any offence against the ordinances of the City of Wathena, and be adjudged to pay any fine, forfeiture or penalty, and the costs of prosecution, shall pay the same to the Police Judge and by him the fine shall be paid over to the City Treasurer except when otherwise provided by ordinance or resolution passed by the council and the costs due the Marshal shall be paid to him and shall retain the fees due the Police Judge; and in default of such payment by the person or persons convicted he or they shall be committed to the city calaboose; and it shall be lawful for the Marshal of the city to compel such persons to work at hard labor either on the street, or in any public or private place within the city where employment can be found for such persons until such fine and costs are paid as provided in this ordinance.

Section 2. Such persons shall not be compelled to work more than eight hours per day, and for each day's work performed, shall be credited one dollar upon the judgment upon which the commitment was made, and when the judgement and costs are satisfied by such work, he shall be discharged from custody.

Section 3. Such person, when not at work, shall be confined in the city calaboose and when at work shall be secured by such chain, guard or other means of restraint, as may be necessary to prevent his escape; and the Marshall may place any such person in the charge of his assistant, or any policeman, street commissioner, road overseer, or contractor during the time he may be employed at such labor, and compel him or them to work under their care and direction.

Section 4. The Marshal shall cause such person, during imprisonment, to be fed three meals per day, of plain and wholesome food, at the expense of the city.

Section 5. The Mayor and Marshal may contract with any suitable person or persons to receive and employ any persons imprisoned and liable to work out any fine assessed against him or them under the provisions of any city ordinance, and the Marshal shall collect the wages and pay it into the City Treasury.

Section 6. Any person liable to be set to work, under the provisions of this ordinance, who shall refuse to work when so ordered, shall be kept in close confinement, and fed on bread and water only, until he shall consent to work and shall have no credit upon the judgment against him for any day for which he shall so refuse to work; Provided, That all persons imprisoned and refusing to work, as provided in this ordinance shall be kept in confinement until released by order of the Mayor and Council; and provided, further, that any person in confinement for any offence against the city, and who is willing and offers to work out his fine, and who is not furnished with work or labor by the Marshal shall be credited on his fine the same as if he worked.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be force from and after its publication in pamphlet form.

Passed the Council August 12, 1898.
Approved by the Mayor August 12, 1898.

J. F. Harpster, Mayor
Attest: W. T. Stewart, Clerk