



# Town Police Clauses Act 1847

## CHAPTER 89

### TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847

1 Extent of Act.

*Interpretations in this Act*

And with respect to the construction of this Act, whether...

- 2 “The special Act;” “Prescribed” “The commissioners”
- 3 Interpretations in this and the special Act: Number; Gender; “Person;” “Lands;” “Street;” “Month;” “Justice;” “Two justices;” “Cattle.”

*Citing the Act*

And with respect to citing this Act, or any part...

- 4 Short title of the Act.
- 5 Form in which portions of this Act may be incorporated with other Acts.
- 6—14 .....
- 15 .....
- 16 .....
- 17—19 .....
- 20 .....

*Obstructions and nuisances*

And with respect to obstructions and nuisances in the streets,...

- 21 Power to prevent obstructions in streets during public processions, &c.
- 22 .....
- 23 Power to stage carriages to deviate from route under order free from penalty.
- 24 Power to impound stray cattle.
- 25 Power to sell stray cattle for penalty and expences.

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- 26 Persons guilty of pound-breach to be committed for three months.
- 27 Power to provide a pound.
- 28 Penalty on persons committing any of the offences herein named.

#### *Nuisances*

- 29 Penalty on drunken persons, &c. guilty of riotous or indecent behaviour.

#### *Fires*

And with respect to fires, be it enacted as follows:...

- 30 .....
- 31 Penalty for accidentally allowing chimneys to catch fire.
- 32 .....
- 33 .....

#### *Places of public resort*

And with respect to places of public resort, be it...

- 34 .....
- 35 Penalty on coffee shop keepers harbouring disorderly persons.
- 36 Penalty on persons keeping places for bear-baiting, cock-fighting, &c.

#### *Hackney carriages*

And with respect to hackney carriages, be it enacted as...

- 37 Hackney carriages to be licensed.
- 38 What to be hackney carriages. Proviso as to stage coaches.
- 39 Hackney carriages
- 40 Persons applying for licence to sign a requisition for the same.
- 41 What shall be specified in the licences.
- 42 Licences to be registered.
- 43 Licence to be in force for one year only.
- 44 Notice to be given by proprietors of hackney carriages of any change of abode.
- 45 Penalty for plying for hire without a licence.
- 46 Drivers not to act without first obtaining a licence.
- 47 Penalty on drivers acting without licence.
- 48 Proprietor to retain licences of drivers when in his employ, and to produce the same when summoned.
- 49 Proprietor to return licence to drivers when quitting his behave well; if otherwise, proprietors to summon them. Compensation in case of licence being improperly withheld.
- 50 Licences to be suspended or revoked for misconduct.
- 51 Number of persons to be carried in a hackney carriage to be painted thereon.
- 52 Penalty for neglect to exhibit the number, or for refusal to carry the prescribed number.
- 53 Penalty on driver for refusing to drive.
- 54 Penalty for demanding more than the sum agreed for though less than the legal fare.
- 55 Agreement to pay more than the legal fare not to be binding, and sum paid beyond the proper fare may be recovered back.
- 56 Driver to carry, under an agreement for a discretionary distance, the distance to which hirer is entitled for the fare.

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- 57 Deposit to be made for carriages required to wait. Penalty on the driver refusing to wait, or to account for the deposit.
- 58 Overcharge by hackney coachmen, &c., to be included in conviction, and returned to aggrieved party.
- 59 Penalty for permitting persons to ride without consent of hirer.
- 60 No person to act as driver of any carriages without the consent of the proprietor.
- 61 Penalty on drivers misbehaving.
- 62 Penalties in case of carriages being unattended at places of public resort.
- 63 Damage done by driver may be recovered from the proprietor.
- 64 Improperly standing with carriage; refusing to give way to, or obstructing, any other driver or depriving him of his fare.
- 65 Justices empowered to award compensation to drivers for loss of time in attending to answer complaints not substantiated.
- 66 Penalty for refusing to pay the fare.
- 67 Hackney carriages
- 68 Commissioners may make Bye Laws for regulating hackney carriages.
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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 26 words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 32 para. 148](#)
- s. 28 words inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 32 para. 149](#)
- s. 28 words repealed by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 37 Pt. 9](#)
- s. 29 words inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 32 para. 150](#)
- s. 29 words repealed by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 37 Pt. 9](#)
- s. 36 words inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 32 para. 151](#)
- s. 36 words repealed by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 37 Pt. 9](#)