

**DOCUMENT 4 – SUGGESTIONS FROM FIRE WARDEN CONCERNING  
STOVEPIPES AND CHIMNEYS**

**October 11, 1841**

**TRANSCRIPTION**

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to the Honorable

the Common Council of the City of Chicago

the fire Warden of the Second Ward would Respectfully

Suggest to your honorable Boddy the propriety

of an additional Ordinance on the Subject of

Stove pipes Chimneys &c Simalar to the following

Viz that no Stove pipe Shall be placed less than

3 inches from wood or other Combustible matter

and that no <sup>part of a</sup> stove pipe Shall be hid from the view

of the fire Warden, and no Stove pipe Shall

Enter a Chimney in a garret unless there is

a Stair way and Steps into the garet that

the fire warden may <sup>go</sup> ^ up to Examine the pipe

and Chimney — And no Stone Crock or Earthen

Ware Shall be considered a Safeguard from fire

when around a Stove pipe unless the wood

or other Combustible matter is 3 inches from said

pipe — And no Chimneys <sup>Shall be built</sup> ^ without plastering the

flues — And ~~no~~ f all flues Shall be Surounded with

not less than a 4 inch wall (Except a petition between

two flues) And all Chimneys Shall have a Convenient

place at their bottom for taking <sup>out</sup> ^ the Sut — And all

Chimneys and Stove pipes Shall <sup>be</sup> ^ Swept or Cleaned out

once in 5 weeks in all Blocks of Buildings —

the above Suggestions I would Respectfully Submit

Jeremiah Price

fire Warden of 2<sup>d</sup> Ward