

WHEREAS, it has become apparent during the last few years that there are among the permanent inhabitants of the City of Chicago, a large number who are at times, without fault of theirs, and for causes beyond their control, unable to find employment or furnish themselves honestly with the means of livelihood, and who are good and law-abiding residents of the city and in every way deserving of assistance.

AND WHEREAS, it is unworthy a civilized and humane society that any deserving part thereof should innocently suffer cold and hunger and want if such conditions can be changed or ameliorated by any effort or expenditure.

AND WHEREAS, the experience of severe winters just past have made too clear that the means then and now in employment to supply the wants and lessen the sufferings of the deserving unemployed are wholly insufficient and inadequate, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

Section 1. That the Committee on Finance of the City Council be and they are hereby directed:

First: To make thorough investigation of the means now employed to provide for the wants of, and reasonably assist such deserving and law abiding inhabitants of the City of Chicago as are unable to find employment or to provide themselves and their families with the necessities of life.

Second: To fix upon certain distributing points throughout the City as relief depots, and to provide suitable rooms therefor.

Third: To appoint by and with the consent of this council, a board consisting of five citizens, which shall be called the Board of Relief of the City of Chicago, and whose duties shall be to administer, under the supervision of the Committee on Finance, the relief and aid provided herein.

Fourth: To appoint for each of the relief depots, an agent or agents who shall distribute the relief and account for the disbursements from such depot.

Section 2. All necessary supplies, which shall consist of clothing blankets, fuel and substantial food, shall be provided by the Board of Relief with the consent and under the control of the Committee on Finance of this Council, and the funds necessary for the purchase of the same shall be drawn from the general fund of the city, or from moneys not otherwise appropriated.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage, and due publication.

Attest
John D. Cook
City Clerk