
To accompany the petition of Charles H. Hodskinson that boards of aldermen be authorized to grant locations for poles and wires without notice in certain instances. Power and Light.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight.

An Act authorizing the Board of Aldermen to grant Locations for Poles and Wires without Notice under Certain Conditions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section twenty-two of chapter one hundred and
2 sixty-six of the General Laws as amended by
3 chapter one hundred and sixty-six of the acts of
4 nineteen hundred and twenty-five is hereby fur-
5 ther amended by inserting after the second
6 sentence of the second paragraph of said section
7 as amended the following words:—The board of
8 aldermen or selectmen may, on written petition
9 of a company having a location, or on a joint
10 petition of two or more companies, having joint
11 or identical locations, in any of the public ways
12 of a city or town, in cases where private ways
13 have been accepted as public ways, by order,
14 without notice or hearing, grant a location or
15 joint or identical locations to such company or
16 companies for the maintenance of its or their

17 poles, piers, abutments or conduits which were
18 in existence in such private ways at the time of
19 their acceptance as public ways, — so that said
20 second paragraph will read as follows: — After
21 the erection or construction of such line, the board
22 of aldermen or selectmen may, after giving the
23 company or its agents an opportunity to be heard,
24 or upon petition of the company without notice
25 or hearing, by order permit an increase in the
26 number of wires or cables, and direct an alteration
27 in the location of the poles, piers, abutments or
28 conduits or in the height of the wires or cables.
29 The board of aldermen or selectmen may, on
30 written petition by two or more companies sub-
31 ject to this chapter, and having locations in any
32 of the public ways of such city or town, without
33 notice or hearing by order transfer any such
34 location from one of such companies to either or
35 any of the other petitioners, or by order authorize
36 any such company to attach its wires and fixtures
37 to existing poles, piers or abutments of either or
38 any of the other petitioners, or to maintain its
39 wires or cables in the conduits of either or any of
40 said other petitioners, or by order grant to said
41 companies joint or identical locations for the
42 maintenance of said existing poles, piers, abut-
43 ments or conduits, to be used in common by them.
44 The board of aldermen or selectmen may, on
45 written petition of a company having a location,
46 or on a joint petition of two or more companies,
47 having joint or identical locations, in any of the
48 public ways of a city or town, in cases where

49 private ways have been accepted as public ways,
50 by order, without notice or hearing, grant a
51 location or joint or identical locations to such
52 company or companies for the maintenance of its
53 or their poles, piers, abutments or conduits which
54 were in existence in such private ways at the time
55 of their acceptance as public ways. The board of
56 aldermen or selectmen may, on written petition
57 by two or more companies subject to this chapter,
58 and after notice to abutting land owners and a
59 hearing as hereinbefore provided, by order grant
60 to said companies joint or identical locations for
61 the erection or construction of poles, piers, abut-
62 ments or conduits, to be owned and used in
63 common by them. No order of the board of
64 aldermen or selectmen shall be required for re-
65 newing, repairing or replacing wires, cables,
66 poles, piers, abutments, conduits or fixtures once
67 erected or constructed under the provisions of
68 law, or for making house connections or con-
69 nections between duly located conduits and
70 distributing poles.

