

**DOCUMENT 15 – ORDINANCE TO PREVENT FILTH FROM ENTERING THE  
WATER SUPPLY**

**June 9, 1848**

**TRANSCRIPTION**

An Ordinance, to prevent filth from entering  
into the ~~Hydraulic~~ Works of the Chicago  
Hydraulic Company from Lake Michigan

Be it ordained by the Common Council  
of the City of Chicago that no person or  
persons shall hereafter drive ~~or~~ <sup>or swim</sup> lead <sup>^</sup> any  
horse, or horses, or other animal into  
Lake Michigan at the East end of  
Lake Street, in said city (or between the  
Hydraulic Works of said Company, and  
the South Pier, for the purpose of washing  
or cleaning said horse or horses or other  
animal.—Nor shall any person or per-  
sons wash or clean any carriage or  
~~vehic~~ vehicle whatever, within said  
limits, or cause the same to be done

Any person, who shall violate  
any provision of the foregoing ordinance  
shall forfeit to the City of Chicago the penalty  
of Ten dollars, to be collected before  
any Justice of the Peace, or Court having  
Jurisdiction there of:

Passed June 9<sup>th</sup>  
1848

James H. Woodworth  
Mayor

Attest S. Abell  
Clerk