

**DOCUMENT 5 – RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO
ESTABLISHING FREE LODGING HOUSES**

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TRANSCRIPTION

Whereas,

At the present time there are no accommodations provided for the lodging of the poor of the City of Chicago, without putting them in the cells provided for Criminals,

And whereas, there are many applications every night at the different Police stations for lodging accommodations, which cannot be furnished owing to the inadequate supply;— Therefore

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Chicago.

Section .1. That the Board of Police, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to establish lodging houses in each division of the City, and to furnish the same with the necessary bedding, and to place in charge thereof a sufficient police force for the protection of the same. —

Section .2. The expense of renting buildings and fitting up of the same for the purposes specified in Section one

of this Ordinance, to be paid from any unexpended balance standing to the credit of the Police Department not needed for other purposes.

Section .3. This Ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.