

filed with the clerk of the court to which such appeal is taken, within the time aforesaid.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 20, 1882.

[No. 175, S.]

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### CHAPTER 274.

AN ACT to amend chapter 257 of the laws of 1881, entitled "an act amendatory of sub chapter 6 of chapter 111, of the private and local laws of 1867, relating to the charter of the city of Hudson."

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 257, of the laws <sup>Amended.</sup> of 1881, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "out," where the same occurs in the second line of said section the words "open, alter, vacate and discontinue," and by striking out the words, "as follows" where the same occur in the third line of said section.

SECTION 2. No public grounds, streets, alleys or <sup>Vacating pub-  
lic grounds.</sup> highways within said city shall be vacated or discontinued by the common council, except as follows: Whenever ten or more freeholders residing in any ward shall by petition represent to the common council that it is necessary to vacate or discontinue any street, alley or highway, or any part thereof within the ward where said petitioners reside, which petition shall set forth the facts and reasons for such vacation, accompanied by a plat of such public grounds, streets, alleys or highways, or part thereof proposed to be vacated, and shall be verified by the oath of at least two of the petitioners. The common council shall thereupon, if they deem it expedient that the matter should be proceeded with, order the petition to be filed of record with the city clerk, who shall give notice by publication in the official paper of said city for four weeks, at least once in each week, to the effect that such petition has been filed as aforesaid, and stating in brief its object, and that said petition will be heard and considered by the common council, or a committee appointed by them, on a certain day and place therein specified, not less than ten days from the expiration of such publication. The common council or such committee as may be appointed by them for the purpose, at the time and place appointed, shall investigate and consider the said mat-

ter and shall hear the testimony and evidence on the part of the parties interested. The common council may thereupon, after hearing the same, or upon the report of such committee in favor of granting such petition, by resolution declare such public grounds, streets, alleys or highways, or any portion thereof vacated, which said resolution, after the same shall go into effect, shall be published as in case of ordinances, and thereupon a transcript of such resolution, duly certified by the city clerk, shall be filed with the clerk of the circuit court of the county of St. Croix.

Appeal.

SECTION 3. Any person aggrieved thereby may, within twenty days after the publication thereof, appeal to the circuit court of the county of St. Croix, under the same regulations and with the same effect as appeals are allowed in the case of opening streets and alleys, and as provided by section 15 of chapter 257 of the laws of the state of Wisconsin for the year 1881.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 29, 1882.

[No. 55, S.]

[Published April 10, 1882.]

### CHAPTER 275.

AN ACT to establish a ferry across Lake St. Croix at Hudson.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

Maintain a ferry.

SECTION 1. Patrick McGuire, his assigns, heirs, executors and administrators, shall have the exclusive right and privilege, for the term of ten years, from and after the passage of this act, of keeping and maintaining a ferry across Lake St. Croix, from the city of Hudson, in the state of Wisconsin, to Lakeland, in the county of Washington, state of Minnesota; and no ferry charter shall be granted during the said period within one mile below the city of Hudson and Lakeland, and below the railroad bridge over the Lake St. Croix. This grant, so far as it is exclusive, being, however, upon condition that the said McGuire shall, during said period, maintain and operate the said ferry so as to subserve the public interest and convenience as herein provided.

Ferry boats.

SECTION 2. There shall be kept for use upon the said ferry a good and sufficient boat or boats propelled by steam or otherwise for the use and accommodation of all persons wishing to cross said ferry, and said Pat-