

FIRE COMPANIES.



CHAPTER CXL.

AN ACT to incorporate the Charlotte Fire Engine Company.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the present and future officers and members of the Charlotte Fire Engine Company, and their successors, be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Charlotte Fire Engine Company; and by such name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court in this State; they shall have power to appoint their own officers, and do and perform all such acts and things necessary and useful to carry into effect the true intent and design of said company, such as are usually exercised by similar bodies corporate in this State; to make their own by-laws and regulations, and enforce the same under such penalties as they shall deem it expedient to impose, not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this State; and all such persons who have enrolled, or may hereafter enrol themselves in said company, shall be exempt from military duty, except in cases of insurrection or invasion.

Sec. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the commanding officers of this company to make due return of the number of officers and privates to the commanding officers of the regiment to which they belong, under the same regulations and penalties as are now required and imposed on officers of militia companies.

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

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