



A selection of Offences and Penalties as given in the Manchester Borough Police Act 1844 and reproduced in the Manchester Constabulary Force Constables' Guide 1898

Offence		Penalty (Fine)
Abusive Language	Using any threatening, abusive, or insulting words	Two Pounds
Arsenic	Selling to any person whatever, except in presence of a witness, and without entering the name and address of purchaser and witness, and the purpose for which it is intended	Five Pounds
Ashes	Removing or collecting without a license from the Council	Five Pounds
Ash-Pits	Owners neglecting to cleanse and empty	Five Pounds & ten shillings a week
Bells	Wilfully and wantonly pulling or ringing at doors or gates	Two Pounds
Bills	Posting against any house, building, wall, or fence, without the consent of the owner or occupier	Two Pounds
Burial Grounds	Using after being closed for interments (New Streets Act 1853, sec. 49)	Twenty Pounds
Burning	Coffin boards, rags, or any offensive substance, within the distance of 100 yards from any dwelling house	Two Pounds
Carriages	Riding in, without reins, or negligently driving so as not to have the complete and immediate control over the horses drawing the same	Two Pounds
Carriages	Driving furiously	Two Pounds
Carriages	Not to stand in the streets longer than necessary for loading and unloading, or for the taking up and setting down of passengers	Two Pounds
Carts	Owner's name and address to be painted on	One Pound
Cattle	Straying in garden, or on footpath	May be impounded and sold
Cellars	Using as dwellings after being closed by the Council (New Streets Act 1853, sec. 49)	One Pound
Children	Publicans supplying liquor to, apparently under the age of 16	One Pound
Chimneys	Wilfully setting on fire	Five Pounds
Chimneys	Suffering to take or catch fire	Ten Shillings
Chimneys	Neglecting to build to a height required by the Council (Gen. Improvement Act 1851, sec. 131)	Five Pounds & Ten Shillings per week



Coals	Not to remain in streets longer than necessary for housing	Two Pounds
Cock Fighting	Persons keeping or using places for	Five Pounds
Coffins	Burning or firing, within 100 yards from any dwelling house	Two Pounds
Dogs	Permitting to go at large when mad, or reasonably suspected to be in a rabid state	Ten Pounds
Doors & Gates	Adjoining streets, opening outwards	One Pound per day
Drunkenness	Persons found drunk in the street	Five Shillings
Drunkenness	Guilty of riotous or indecent behaviour in any street or police office	Ten Pounds
Fences	Wilfully breaking or destroying	Two Pounds
Fighting	Engaging in, instigating, aiding, or abetting	Two Pounds
Fire Arms	Discharging, to annoyance of inhabitants	Two Pounds
Fire Arms	Wantonly discharging within the City	Five Pounds
Fireworks	Throwing, or setting fire to, in any street	Two Pounds
Flower Pots	Placing outside windows, insufficiently guarded	Two Pounds
Footpaths	Occupiers neglecting to cleanse or to cover with ashes, in case of frost or snow, before 9 o'clock in the morning	Five Shillings
Games	Playing in streets	Two Pounds
Goat	Using, in any cart (Gen. Improvement Act 1851, sec. 135)	Two pounds first offence, five pounds each subsequent offence
Goods	Throwing out of warehouse upon pavement	One Pound
Horns	Blowing in streets	Two Pounds
Horses	Exposing for sale, or farrying in street	Two Pounds
Horses	Negligent driving of, or standing, or riding on footways	Two Pounds
Horses	Leaving in thoroughfares without a person in care thereof	Two Pounds
Houses	Neglecting or refusing to whitewash	Five Shillings per day
Kites	Flying in streets	Two Pounds
Lamps	Wilfully breaking or extinguishing	Two Pounds
Musicians Etc.	In streets, refusing to depart when required	Two Pounds
Nail Makers Etc.	Neglecting to close doors and fasten shutters after sunset	One Pound
Names of Streets	Obliterating or defacing	Two Pounds
Nightsoil Etc.	Emptying before twelve at night and after eight in the morning in summer, and before twelve at night and after nine in the morning in winter	Two Pounds
Nightsoil	Improperly removing (Gen. Improvement Act,	Constable may



	1851, sec. 132)	seize any cart illegally conveying
Notice Boards	Maliciously, or wantonly pulling down, breaking, or damaging	Two Pounds
Numbers	Obliterating or defacing on house doors	Two Pounds
Offensive smells	Permitting or causing from any house or building	Five Pounds
Orange Peel	Throwing or leaving upon footways	Two Pounds
Pigs	Permitting to stray at large in streets	Two Pounds
Pigs	Keeping in dwellings	Two Pounds
Singers	In streets, not departing when required	Two Pounds
Slides	Making or using upon footways	Two Pounds
Soot Bags Etc.	Shaking or beating in streets	Two Pounds
Throwing	Stones or other missiles, or fireworks in streets	Two Pounds
Walls Etc.	Writing upon, marking, or defacing	Two Pounds
Windmills	Erecting, or causing to be erected, within the distance of 80 yards from any street	Five Pounds and Five pounds per day
Windows	Females standing on the outside of, more than six feet in height from the street	Two Pounds
Witnesses	Refusing or neglecting to appear	Ten Pounds
Wheelbarrows	Running, driving or drawing on footpaths	Two Pounds