



Metropolitan Fairs Act 1868

1868 CHAPTER 106 31 and 32 Vict

2 Power to summon owner and occupier of ground on which fair is held.

Where any fair is holden or notice is given of any fair proposed to be holden on any ground within the Metropolitan Police District other than that on which a fair has been holden during each of the seven years immediately preceding, it shall be competent for the Commissioner of Police to direct one of the superintendents of the Metropolitan Police Force to summon the owner or occupier of the ground upon which such fair is holden to appear before a magistrate forthwith, or at a time to be specified in the summons, to show his right and title to hold such fair; and if such owner or occupier do not attend in pursuance of such summons, or does not show to the magistrate who hears the case sufficient cause to believe that such fair is lawfully holden, the magistrate shall declare in writing such fair to be unlawful, and the Commissioner shall give notice of such declaration by causing copies thereof to be affixed on and near the ground where such fair is holden or proposed to be holden; and after such notice has been affixed for the space of six hours the Commissioner of Police may direct any constable to remove every booth, standing, and tent, and every carriage of whatsoever kind, conveyed to or being upon the ground for the purpose of holding or continuing such fair, and to take into custody every person erecting, pitching, or fixing, or assisting to erect, pitch, or fix, any such booth, standing, or tent; and every person hiring, accompanying, or conveyed in every such carriage, and every person resorting to such ground with any show or instrument of gambling or amusement, and every person convicted before a magistrate of any of the offences aforesaid, shall be liable to a penalty of not more than [^{F1}£25][^{F2}level 1 on the standard scale].

Textual Amendments

F1 Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Law Act 1977 \(c. 45\), s. 31\(5\)\(6\)\(9\)](#)

F2 Words “level 1 on the standard scale” substituted (E. W.S.) for “£25” by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\), s. 46](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Metropolitan Fairs Act 1868, Section 2.