

ordinance

noun: a [statute](#) enacted by a city government

noun: the act of **ordaining**; the act of conferring (or receiving) holy orders

noun: an authoritative rule

Hughes

"Thou art Thyself the [secret](#) of Thy works;
Thou art the key: Thine image bear they all,
Or more or less. And heaven-born [music](#), as
Thine **ordinance** in [air](#) and [ear](#), and in
The [balance](#) of the [force elastic](#), with
The [gravitating force](#) that holdeth all,—
[Music](#) the [statute](#) is, which more than most,
Of all that stands on [Nature's](#) statute-book,
Image and superscription—[Three in one](#)—
In interlacing [monogram](#) doth show of Thee!"

Rev. [John Andrew](#).

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