

they shall appoint their respective presidents, who shall preside at all their sessions, and shall vote on all questions; they shall settle their rules of proceedings, appoint their own officers, regulate their respective fees, and remove them at pleasure; they shall judge of the elections, returns and qualifications, of their own members, and may, with the concurrence of three fourths of the whole, expel any member for disorderly behaviour, or mal-conduct in office, but not a second time for the same cause; they shall keep a journal of their proceedings, and enter the yeas and nays on any question, resolve or ordinance, at the request of any member, and their deliberations shall be public; they shall ascertain, by ordinance, the compensation of their services, which shall not be increased during their continuance in office; the second branch of the city council shall nominate two citizens to each office which may arise under this act, and the ordinances of said corporation, and the mayor shall appoint and commission one of said nomination to fill the respective offices during pleasure; and the said mayor shall appoint proper persons to fill up all vacancies during the recess of the session, to hold such appointment until the ensuing session; the city council shall settle the salary of the first mayor at their first session of the second year, and the salary of the succeeding mayors shall be settled previously to their appointment; all ordinances or acts passed by the city council shall be sent to the mayor, for his approbation, and when approved by him, shall become a law; and shall then be obligatory upon the several courts and justices of the peace of Baltimore county, sheriff and constables within the limits of the city of Baltimore, and all other persons within the limits of said city, to every intent and purpose, as the acts of the general assembly of Maryland, provided the said laws or ordinances shall not contain any thing repugnant to the constitution or laws of this state, or the United States; but if the said mayor shall not approve of such ordinances or acts, he shall return the same within five days, with his reasons in writing therefor, and if three fourths of both branches of the city council, on reconsideration thereof, approve of the ordinance or law, it shall then be an ordinance or law, to all intents and purposes; and if any ordinance or law shall not be returned by the mayor within five days after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be a law, in like manner as if he had approved it, unless the city council, by their adjournment, prevent its return.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That the corporation aforesaid shall have full power and authority to enact and pass all laws and ordinances necessary to preserve the health of the city; prevent and remove nuisances; to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases within the city, and within three miles of the same; to establish night watches or patrols, and erect lamps; to provide for a general survey of the city and precincts; to ascertain, when necessary, the boundaries and location of streets, lots, lanes and alleys thereof; to establish new streets, lanes and alleys, with the consent of the proprietors of the ground, and to alter and to straighten streets, lanes and alleys, with the consent of the proprietors of the lots or houses adjoining such streets, lanes and alleys; to provide for the preservation of the navigation of the bason, and Patapsco river within the limits of the city of Baltimore, and four miles thereof; for cleaning and deepening the bason and docks, and for regulating the station, anchoring and mooring of vessels; but no tax, direct or indirect, shall be laid on that part of Baltimore called Deptford Hundred for the preservation of the navigation of the bason, or for cleaning or deepening the bason or docks therein; to provide for licensing and regulating auctions and pawnbrokers within the city and precincts thereof; to restrain or prohibit gaming, and to provide for licensing, regulating or restraining, theatrical or other public amusements within the city or precincts; to erect and repair bridges; to pave and keep in repair all necessary drains and sewers, and to pass all regulations necessary for the preservation of the same; to establish and regulate inspections within the city, subject to the future acts of the general assembly; to regulate and fix the assize of bread; to provide for the safe keeping and preservation of the standard of weights and measures fixed by congress, and for the regulating thereby all weights and measures used within the city and precincts; to regulate party walls and partition fences; to erect and regulate markets; to provide for licensing and regulating, (with the consent of the Maryland insurance fire company,) the sweeping of chimnies,

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