

GENERAL POWERS.

6. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority:

Baltimore City v. Gorter, 93 Md. 1.

The legislature possesses wide powers of control and legislation over the City of Baltimore. but its power is not absolute and unlimited.

Thrift v. Laird, 125 Md. 55.

(1) BUILDINGS.

P. L. L. (1860), Art. 4, secs. 29, 823, 864, 943. P. L. L. (1888), Art. 4, secs. 121-124. 1892, ch. 10. 1904, ch. 616. 1906, ch. 797. 1910, ch. 704.

To direct in what part of Baltimore City buildings of wood shall not be erected; to regulate and establish the size of bricks that are to be used in the houses to be built in the City of Baltimore; to provide for the entry into and examination of all dwellings, lots, yards, inclosures and buildings, cars, boats and vehicles of every description; to ascertain their condition for health, cleanliness and safety; to regulate the building and maintenance of party walls, partition fences, parapet and fire walls, smoke flues, fire places, hot-air flues, boilers, kettles, smokestacks and stove pipes. To provide for and regulate the safe construction, inspection and repairs of all private and public buildings within the city; and to compel the consumption of smoke and make such regulations as may be deemed necessary to prevent the same from becoming deleterious or offensive to health. To take down and remove, or make safe and secure, any and all buildings, walls, structures or superstructures, at the expense of the owners thereof, that are or may become dangerous, or to require their owners or agents to take down and remove them, or put them in a safe and sound condition at their own expense; to make any and all costs and expenses incurred in, about the taking down and removal, of making safe and secure of all buildings, walls, structures or superstructures, as aforesaid, a lien upon the interests of the owners in the land or improvements, or both, and to provide for the enforcement of such liens by sale of the property, whether real or personal; to regulate, restrain or prohibit the erection of wooden or frame buildings within the present limits of the city, and to remove the same at the owner's expense when erected or suffered to remain contrary to law or ordinance; to regulate the height, construction and inspection of all new buildings hereafter erected in said city; and the alteration and repairs of any buildings already erected, or hereafter to be erected in said city; and the ordinance regulating the construction and inspection of buildings in said city passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor October 23, 1891, is hereby authorized and legalized in the same manner as if full authority had been given by the General Assembly for the passage of the same prior to its enactment; to regulate the limits within which it shall be lawful to erect any steps, porticos, bay windows, bow windows, show windows, awnings, signs, columns, piers or other projections or structural ornaments of any character for the houses fronting on any of the streets, lanes or alleys of said