

with a complete and efficient apparatus for the extinguishment of fires, and have adopted a constitution for the government of said company; and in order to give effect to the laws, rules and regulations which have or may be established by the said company, it has been prayed that an act of incorporation may pass in their favor;—Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That Charles W. Karthaws, the president of said company, Frederick E. B. Hintze, vice president of said company, and Charles Diffenderffer, Louis Holter, Thomas Trotton, John A. Diffenderffer, Hugh Deralin, George W. Pryor, William Ward, William Higgins, William Craggs and Richard Miller, directors of said company, and such other persons as are now, or may hereafter become members of the same, shall be and they are hereby declared to be one community, corporation, and body politic, forever, hereafter, by the name and style of the Friendship Fire Company, and by that name they shall be and are hereby made able and capable in law, to have, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy and retain to them, and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities or other hereditaments; and the same to grant, demise, alien and dispose of, in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the interest of the company; *provided nevertheless,* that the said corporation or body politic, shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed exceeding the sum of two thousand dollars per annum.

Persons incorporated

Name and style

Corporate powers

Real estate—limit

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said company and their successors by the aforesaid name, shall, forever, hereafter, be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice whatsoever, and also, to have, make and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at pleasure, and also to assemble and meet at such times and places as they may agree upon, and to ordain, establish, and put in execution, such by-laws, and regulations, as to them shall seem conducive to the interest of said company and necessary to the good government and orderly management thereof; the same not being contrary to the laws of this State

General powers conferred