

sion of the Mayor and Council for the hearing of such appeals in such cases, such assessment and action of the assessor shall be final and conclusive.

Title to  
Highways,  
streets, etc.

Sec. Z. The title of the Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy to its highways, avenues, streets, lanes and alleys is hereby declared to be inalienable, and no right or franchise in relation to any highway, avenue, street, lane or alley, either on above or below the surface of the same shall be granted by the Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy to any person or corporation for a longer period than fifty years.

Shall not  
impair existing  
contracts,  
obligations,  
etc., at time of  
incorporation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall not effect or impair any right vested or acquired and existing at the time of the passage of said Act, nor shall said Act impair, discharge or release any contract, obligation, duty, liability or penalty whatever now existing. All suits and actions, both civil and criminal, pending, or which may hereafter be instituted for causes of action now existing, or offenses already committed against any law or ordinance repealed by this Act shall be instituted, proceeded with and prosecuted to final determination and judgment, as if the said Act had not been passed. No tax levied, or any proceedings taken for the collection of any such tax, or the enforcement of the payment of the same before the passage of this Act, or the taxes levied for the year 1900, if levied after the passage of this Act, shall in any manner be affected by the passage of this Act, and the mode of procedure in any such manner shall be the same as if this Act had not been passed.

Laws and  
ordinances  
now in force  
continued, etc.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws now in force relating or applicable to the Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy, or to the town of Mt. Airy, and not included in this Act, and not inconsistent with said Act, and all ordinances of the Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy now in force and not inconsistent with this Act, shall be and they are hereby continued, until changed or repealed, respectively, by the General Assembly of Maryland, or the Mayor and Council of Mt. Airy.

Terms and  
tenures of  
office.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all officers provided for and named in said Act, whether by election or appointment, shall continue to hold, exercise and discharge the duties of their respective offices until they shall be suspended under the provisions of this Act, and until their successors shall be duly qualified, and nothing contained in said Act shall be construed to interfere with the continuity of the terms or tenure of any said officers, nor shall a reappointment or re-elec-