

122. The said commissioners may pass all such ordinances and by-laws as they may deem necessary to prevent and remove nuisances, to prohibit the running of horses or driving of carts, wagons, or other carriages unreasonably fast within the said town; to prohibit or restrain excessive gaming; to prohibit the firing of guns or pistols in the streets; to prevent the storage of gunpowder or the accumulation of other combustible matter in such quantities or places within the said town as may be dangerous to said town; to provide for ascertaining, meting and bounding the limits of said town, and for improving and mending the streets, lanes and alleys thereof.

123. They may cause an assessment and valuation of the real and personal property within the limits of said town to be made as often as they may deem necessary, and may appoint some suitable person to make such valuation.

124. They may levy a tax on the property so assessed not to exceed in any one year the sum of sixty dollars; may impose a tax of fifty cents on every dog within the limits of said town, and may pass all ordinances necessary to give effect and operation to the powers hereby vested in them, not contrary to the laws of this State, and may impose such fines, penalties and forfeitures for a breach of any of their by-laws and ordinances as they may think proper, not exceeding three dollars for any one offence.

125. They may annually appoint a bailiff for said town and prescribe his duties.

126. The person so appointed shall, before he enters on the duties of his office, take an oath before the said commissioners that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties required of him as bailiff of said town, according to his skill and judgment, and without favor, affection or partiality.

127. He shall attend the meetings of said commissioners whenever required to perform such services as shall be directed by the commissioners; shall prevent the tumultuous and irregular meeting of slaves and free negroes; shall disperse them when so assembled, and shall punish by moderate correction all such negroes or slaves as shall be found cursing and swearing in the streets, or strolling about or frequenting the houses of other persons in unseasonable hours of the night.