

Quorum. of the whole Board shall be a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

40. The Mayor, Counsellor and Aldermen shall have power to enact all laws and ordinances necessary to preserve the health of the city; to prevent and remove nuisances; to prevent the introduction of contagious disease within the city; to establish night watches and patrols; to light the city; to establish new streets, lanes and alleys, and to widen, straighten, extend, stop up or discontinue any streets, lanes and alleys; and when any street, lane or alley is opened, widened, straightened, extended, stopped up or discontinued by the corporation, the full value of all property taken and used for such public street, lane or alley, or damages to be sustained in closing the same, shall be assessed by a jury of twelve citizens, and the said full value so assessed, first paid or tendered to the proprietor of said property; and if in opening, widening, straightening or extending any street, lane or alley in said city, any benefit shall thereby accrue to the owner or possessor of any ground or improvement within or upon said street, lane or alley, for which said owner or possessor ought to pay a compensation, said benefits shall be assessed and paid by the owner or possessor in like manner, as above provided, to erect and repair bridges, to have and keep in repair all necessary drains and sewers, and to pass all necessary regulations for the preservation of the same; to regulate and fix the assize of bread; to provide for the appointment, and define the duties of City Commissioners, police officers, market masters, gaugers, wood corders, harbor masters, hay weighers, coal weighers and inspectors, and all other officers which they may create, and to define the duties and compensation thereof; to provide for the safe keeping of the standard of the weights and measures fixed by Congress, or by an Act of the State of Maryland, and for regulating thereby all weights and measures used within the city; to regulate party walls and partition fences; to erect and regulate markets; to provide for licensing and regulating the sweeping and burning of chimneys, and fixing the rates

Pass laws.

Open and widen streets.

Assess damage and pay benefits.

Powers.

Duties and compensation.