

CHAP. 74. each ward to hold the first election for common council-men; and the said judges, or such of them as shall attend, shall conduct the said elections in the manner in which the judges of an election district are now by law directed to hold an election for delegates to the assembly, as far as may be consistent with the other provisions of this act; and the said judge or judges of election for mayor and aldermen, and the several judges for the election of the members of the common council, shall jointly make return, under their hands and seals, of the persons elected as mayor, aldermen, and members of the common council, to the clerk of Frederick county, to be by him safely kept, and a register shall be elected according to the provisions of this act, to whom he is required, on application, to deliver the same; and no person shall be chosen an alderman of said town, at the said first election, unless he be actually assessed in the county assessment, and be in all other respects qualified as an alderman is by this law required, except only as to being taxed by the corporation; the person so chosen at the said first election, to be notified thereof by the judges of election, within three days thereafter; all future elections to be held by such judge or judges, in such manner as shall be directed from time to time by ordinance of the corporation, the same not being inconsistent with this law.

Mayor's salary.

Proviso.

19. **AND BE IT ENACTED.** That the mayor may, in addition to his fees, receive an annual salary, to be fixed by ordinance of the corporation; *Provided always*, that every ordinance fixing the annual salary of the mayor, shall continue or be in force for one year, and no longer.

Mayor may take acknowledgment of deeds, &c.

20. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the mayor of Frederick may take the acknowledgment of any deed or instrument of writing, required by the laws of this state to be acknowledged, and any acknowledgment so taken by him shall have the same force and effect as if taken by one or two justices of the peace of Frederick county, and the mayor shall be entitled to receive therefor the sum of fifty cents.

Vagrants.

21. **AND BE IT ENACTED.** That the aldermen and common council may, by ordinance, provide for taking up, fining or committing to the work-house in Frederick-town, all vagrant and loose and disorderly persons, and persons having no visible means of support and livelihood, and common disturbers of his or her neighbourhood, that may be found within the jurisdiction of said town; and it is hereby made the duty of the keeper or overseer of the said work-house to receive and safe keep all persons who shall be so committed, according to the tenor of such commitment.

Fine.

22. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That no ordinance of the said corporation shall impose a fine of more than twenty dollars for any one offence, or authorise a commitment to the work-house for more than thirty days at one time; and that all fines imposed by virtue of any law or ordinance of the corporation, may be recovered before the mayor or a justice of the peace, in the same manner that small debts are recoverable in this state, and subject to the same appeal; and in all such proceedings any constable of the corporation shall, within the limits of the corporation, have the same powers, and proceed in the same manner, and have the same fees, as the constable of an hundred in the case of small debts: all fines to be to the use of the corporation, and to be appropriated in such manner as may from time to time by ordinance be directed.