

**CHAP. 194.** markets; to provide for licensing and regulating the sweeping or burning of chimnies, and fixing the rates thereof within the town, and for regulating the sweeping of any chimney by the neglect of which the safety of the city might be endangered, and to ascertain the size of those to be built in the city; to establish and regulate fire wards and fire companies; to regulate and establish the size of bricks that are to be burned in the said city; to restrain or prohibit gaming, and to provide for licensing, regulating, or restraining theatrical or other public amusements, within the limits of the corporation; to erect and regulate pumps in the streets, lanes and alleys; to impose and appropriate fines, penalties and forfeitures, for the breach of their by-laws or ordinances; to collect and lay taxes not exceeding one per centum on the assessable property; to enact by-laws for the prevention and extinguishment of fire; and to pass all ordinances necessary for paving and keeping in repair the streets, lanes and alleys, in the city aforesaid, and for widening the same, with the consent of three fourths of those interested; to tax any particular part or district of the city for paving the streets, lanes and alleys therein, or for sinking wells, and erecting pumps, which may appear for the benefit of such particular part or district; to make a new assessment of all real and personal property as often as it may be necessary; to punish corporally any servant or slave guilty of a breach of any ordinance, unless the master or mistress pay the fine annexed to the offence; and to pass all ordinances necessary to give effect and operation to all the powers vested in the corporation of the city of Annapolis. All laws to be signed by the mayor.

Mayor, recorder  
an aldermen, to  
exercise powers of  
justices of the  
peace—mayor's  
duties  
Oath of mayor, &c.

9. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the mayor, recorder, and each of the aldermen, shall in virtue of their office have and exercise within the limits of the corporation, all the jurisdiction and powers of a justice of the peace; the mayor may call upon any officer of the city intrusted with the receipt and expenditure of public money for a statement of his accounts, as often as he or the corporation may conceive it necessary; he shall see that the ordinances are duly and faithfully executed, and shall report annually to the corporation, during the first five days of their session, a general state of the city, with an accurate account of the money received and expended, to be published for the information of the citizens. The mayor and corporation of the city of Annapolis, the judges and clerks of the elections, and all other officers of the city, before they enter upon the execution of their respective offices, shall severally take the following oath, or affirmation: I do solemnly swear, or affirm, (as the case may be,) that I will faithfully execute the office of —, to the best of my knowledge and ability, without favour, affection or partiality.

Taxes may be col-  
lected by distress  
and sale of goods,  
&c.

10. **AND BE IT ENACTED,** That the person or persons appointed to collect any tax imposed in virtue of the powers granted by this act, shall have authority to collect the same by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the person chargeable therewith, but no sale shall be made unless three weeks previous notice thereof be given; and if the tax imposed shall be chargeable on any real property, and no goods or chattels can be found liable to be distressed therefor, the same may be recovered by action or attachment in Anne-Arundel county court, in the name of the mayor,