nuisances and obstructions from the streets, lanes and alleys. and from any lots adjoining thereto, within the limits of the city; they may pass ordinances to remove or cause to be removed, any houses or other buildings that may in their judgment become dangerous; they may pass ordinances to cause the streets, lanes and alleys to be paved, graded, repaved, drained and sewered; they may erect or establish market-houses and regulate markets; they may erect or establish houses of correction, hospitals or pest-houses within or without the city, if necessary, and pass all ordinances for the government of the same; to pass all such ordinances as they may deem necessary for the protection and preservation of the health of the city and its inhabitants; to pass all ordinances necessary for the preservation and protection of any of the city's property, rights and privileges; they may direct in what part of the city, buildings of wood shall not be erected; may prevent the storage of gunpowder or other combustible matter in such quantities or places within the city, as they may deem dangerous; to pass all ordinances to provide for licensing and regulating pawn-brokers, pedlars of nostrums, notions, patents, secret or pretended inventions and remedies, on the streets, lanes or side walks of the city; pass all such ordinances, in addition to those already existing, to levy and collect a tax on the assessable property of said city, as may be necessary to pay the interest on the city bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity; to pass ordinances for the preservation of peace and good order, securing property and persons from violence, danger or destruction; to pass ordinances for the suppression and restraint and regulation of bawdy-houses and houses of illfame, to pass ordinances providing for the assessment from time to time of all kinds of property and securities in said city on which State and county taxes are or may be levied, and to levy and collect a tax thereon for the general purposes of said corporation, not exceeding in any one year fifty cents on every hundred dollars worth of said assessable property; to pass ordinances for the election and qualification of a City Clerk, Treasurer and Collector, and the appointment of such other officers, agents and servants as may be deemed necessary, and to fix their compensation; to pass ordinances to suppress the practice of firing and discharging firearms, firecrackers, rockets, torpedoes and other explosives, either by prohibiting the sale thereof or otherwise; to pass ordinances to restrain and prohibit gaming, and to provide for licensing, regulating or restraining theatrical or other public amusements within the limits of said corporation; to establish day and night police, and erect lamps; to open or close streets or parts of streets; Provided, That they shall not have power to close or alienate any public street or alley, or parts thereof, or pledge the faith and credit of said c ty for any