

Sec. 12. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, and their successors, shall have full power and authority to assess and levy upon any person or persons, keeping for common use a billiard table within the said village, or within one mile thereof, an annual tax of fifty dollars for every billiard table so kept and used, and likewise to assess and levy an annual tax of fifty cents, like money, on every dog, and one dollar like money on every female dog, belonging to any inhabitant of said village, and the commissioners may direct the killing of any dog as above described, in said village, whose owner cannot be ascertained, or who refuses or neglects to pay the tax for the same within three months after the demand of the same.

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License for billiard tables.

Tax dogs.

Case of neglect to pay.

Sec. 13. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners shall on the said second Monday of April, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, and annually every year thereafter, appoint an active discreet person to be bailiff and constable of said village, who before he proceeds to act as such, shall give bond to the state of Maryland, with good and sufficient security, in the penalty of eight hundred dollars, to be approved by the levy court of the county, conditioned, that the said bailiff and constable shall well and faithfully execute the same office in all things appertaining thereto, and shall also well and truly account for all monies placed in his hands for collection, and shall also well and truly pay all sums of money received by him; and it shall be the duty of the levy court to have the same entered on record by their clerk at the expence of the corporation, and a copy thereof, under the seal of the county court, shall be good evidence to prove the execution of such bond in any court of this state, and the said bailiff shall take an oath or affirmation as the case may be, to be administered by any justice of the peace for Caroline county, that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of him as bailiff and constable within the limits of said village, by virtue of this act, without favour, affection, or partiality, according to the best of his skill and judgment, and it shall be the duty of the said bailiff to collect all the monies or taxes so imposed or levied by the commissioners as aforesaid, and to pay the same over to the treasurer of the corporation to be appointed according to the directions of this act, and to attend the meetings of the commissioners when he shall be required, to perform such services as shall from time to time be by them directed for the more effectual accomplishing the objects of this act; to prevent the tumultuous and irregular meeting of slaves, negroes, and other dissolute and disorderly persons within the limits of said vantage, or if so assembled, to dis-

Bailiff and constable.

Bond required.

To be recorded.

His oath of office

His duties and powers.