

SEC. 55. That neglect of non-user shall not work a forfeiture of the charter of said city.

SEC. 56. The Commissioners of Ellicott City may pass ordinances to preserve the health of the city; to prevent and remove nuisances; to suppress gambling; to license public amusements not taxed by the State; to open and keep open streets, lanes and alleys, with the consent of the owners of the land through which the same may pass, or by paying damages therefor, which said damages in all cases when property is condemned for city purposes shall be determined by a jury of twelve disinterested male citizens of the said city, whom for that purpose the president of the commissioners shall cause to be summoned and sworn; and the jury so summoned and sworn shall return under their hands and seals, to the president of the commissioners the result of their findings; and such damages so found shall be paid out of the treasury of Ellicott City. The Commissioners of Ellicott City shall further have power to enact all laws and ordinances necessary to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases within said city; to establish night watchers and patrols; to light the city; to erect and repair bridges; to have, construct and keep in repair all necessary drains and sewers, and to pass all necessary regulations for the regulation, repair, and preservation of the same; to regulate party walls and partition fences; to provide for the licensing and regulating, the sweeping and burning of chimneys and fixing the rates therefor, and to prescribe the size of those to be built in the city; to establish and regulate fire companies; to provide for the licensing, regulating or restraining theatrical or other public amusements within the said city; to license hawkers, peddlers, traveling physicians, vendors of patent medicines, or other articles; to sink wells; to make and regulate pumps, water pipes, hydrants, water plugs, fountains, sewers and so forth, in the streets, lanes and alleys of the city, and to pass laws to protect the same; to impose and appropriate fines, penalties and forfeitures for the breach of their by-laws or ordinances; to pass ordinances for the prevention and extinguishment of fires, and to purchase and keep in repair a fire engine and apparatus, and to provide for the establishment of a fire and water department; to pass ordinances for paving and keeping in repair the streets, lanes and alleys of the city; to provide for the taking up, fining or committing to the Ellicott City jail, all vagrants, drunken, loose and disorderly persons and such as have no visible means of support and livelihood, and common disturbers of the peace, that may be found within the jurisdiction of the said city; to declare and adjudge as