

within the period of twelve calendar months from the date of such sale, the amount of the purchase money, all subsequent taxes paid by the purchaser and all Court costs, with interest thereon at the rate of fifteen per centum from the date of sale, and the date of payment of such taxes and costs, respectively. After the expiration of said period of twelve calendar months, provided the property has not been redeemed and the sale finally ratified and confirmed by the Court, the registrar then in office shall at the expense of the purchaser, by a good and sufficient deed, executed and acknowledged accordingly to law, convey to the purchaser or purchasers the parcels of land sold to them respectively, and the deed of the successor in office of the registrar who made the sale shall be valid in law as though it had been executed and delivered by the said last-named registrar.

SEC. 68. The Commissioners of Ellicott City may purchase in their discretion any property for sale for the payment of taxes; provided, they shall not fix the sum greater approximately than the taxes in arrears on said property and the interest and expenses of sale and costs; and may sell and convey or lease the same, as in their judgment and discretion shall be deemed best for the interests of the city.

SEC. 69. The President of the Board of Commissioners of said city 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 commissioners of said city may think necessary.

SEC. 70. The President of the Board of Commissioners of said city shall see that the ordinances are duly and faithfully executed, and shall report annually to the whole board of commissioners of said city during the first five days of their session a general state of the city, with an accurate account of the money received and expended.

SEC. 71. The Commissioners of Ellicott City shall by ordinance have the power to appoint policemen as they shall deem proper, not exceeding three, who shall have and exercise within the limits of the city all the power commonly known as the police power to the same extent as the police officers of the State have or could exercise said power within said limits.

SEC. 72. They may pass all ordinances necessary to regulate or prevent swine going at large; to tax, regulate, restrain or prevent the going at large of dogs, and to provide for killing the same in default of payment of such tax.