

under its streets, alleys or highways, and the charges for entering same; to grant and regulate franchises to electric light companies, power companies, gas companies, telephone companies, telegraph companies, street railway companies, water companies, sewer or drain companies, and any other which they deem advantageous and beneficial to said city or the inhabitants thereof, and to regulate the charges for service of such companies as now possess or may hereafter obtain franchises in said city; all such franchises shall be for a definite terms of years not exceeding twenty-five years, and be renewable at the discretion of the Mayor and Council, and shall specially set out the nature, right and duration of same, and no power or right not expressed in the franchise or grant shall pass thereunder; and the Mayor and Council, notwithstanding anything that may be set out in any such franchise or grant, shall not have the power to divest itself of the right to regulate and control the use of the rights under any franchise granted or that may be granted by it, and to fix and regulate the charges for service whenever they deem the public interest may require it; to regulate the keeping of dogs in said city and to provide for taxes thereon and to provide for the collection of same as other City taxes collected and to provide that any person or persons owning a dog or dogs and refusing or neglecting to pay such tax within twenty days after notice thereof shall be deemed of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before a justice of the peace, shall be fined not less than one or more than ten dollars and be committed to Jail until the fine and costs are paid; to provide for killing of dogs on which no taxes are paid; to provide for the protection of all public property, cemeteries and property of all public service companies or corporations and for any franchise, easement or privilege hereafter granted the Mayor and Council may charge for such franchises, easements or privileges when granted, and may charge an annual rental upon any franchise, easement or privilege for using the streets, highways, and sidewalks of said city that hitherto has been granted or may hereafter be granted; to punish and suppress tramps and vagrants by imposing fines or both fines and imprisonment, or by hard labor on the streets of the city, and to abate by appropriate ordinance all nuisances in said city which are so defined at common law, by this Act or by laws of the State of Maryland, whether the same is herein specifically named or not. The Mayor and Council of Salisbury are further authorized generally to pass all necessary by-laws and ordinances not contrary to law for preservation of health, comfort, convenience, morals, cleanliness, peace and