

gate or gates therein, or with a gate or gates, which shall be kept closed at all times except when in actual use, shall be conclusively presumed to have been dedicated by the owner or owners thereof to public use as public highways, and may, at any time thereafter be accepted as public highways, either by ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore or in any other manner in which a dedication of land to public use made in any other way be accepted. The preceding provisions of this act shall not apply to any private streets, lanes, alleys or ways laid out after the passage of this amended act, upon plans approved by the Topographical Survey Commission of Baltimore City, whose owner or owners shall declare them to be private by placing and maintaining a sign or signs at or near the junction or junctions of such private streets, lanes, alleys or ways with such public streets, lanes, alleys or ways on which sign or signs shall be marked the words "Private Way," provided and so long as such owner or owners do not grant in such private streets, lanes, alleys or ways, for a longer period than twenty-five years, any franchise, right or easement for a railway or for pipe or conduits for supplying electricity, gas, water or steam or for any other use that would be in the nature of a public service franchise.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall affect any right acquired by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City under said Act of 1908, Chapter 582, prior to the passage of this act.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 11, 1912.

CHAPTER 660.

AN ACT to repeal section 18, Chapter 520 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, Session of 1904, amending the charter of the Town of Brunswick, Frederick county, Maryland, and to re-enact said section 18 of Chapter 520 of the Acts of 1904, with amendments so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That section 18 of Chapter 520 of the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, Session of 1904, amending the charter of the Town of Brunswick, in Frederick county, Maryland, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows: