

to, and at the time of the passage of this Act, shall apply to any portion of the territory annexed by this Act to Baltimore City; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the power of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to pass ordinances under the police power, or any other power in the Charter, affecting the territory and the inhabitants thereof annexed by this Act to Baltimore City, to the same extent as they may pass such ordinances affecting the territory and the inhabitants of Baltimore City as it existed prior to the passage of this Act.

1918, ch. 82, sec. 16.

**Sec. 16.** *And be it further enacted,* That no law prohibiting the sale of liquor in any part of the territory annexed by this Act of Baltimore City shall be altered, amended or repealed by any provision of this Act.

1918, ch. 82, sec. 17.

**Sec. 17.** *And be it further enacted,* That any and every company or corporation which at the time of the passage of this Act, shall be actually engaged in the business of supplying water to any of the inhabitants of the territory annexed by this Act to Baltimore City, shall be entitled to continue to supply with water such territory as they may be actually supplying at the time of the passage of this Act, and such additional territory as they may be permitted to supply in pursuance of this section, after the passage of this Act, until such time as the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may extend the Baltimore City water service into such territory, or any part thereof. Before the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall extend the Baltimore City water service into any territory occupied by any existing water company, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, shall acquire, either by purchase or condemnation, the property of such water company in the territory in which the Baltimore City water service is to be so extended, excepting, however, lines of any water company used for supplying persons living outside of the limits of Baltimore City as fixed by this Act. No such water company shall be entitled to extend its mains or service into any new territory after the passage of this act without applying to, and obtaining from, the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City the privilege of so extending its pipes and service. But the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City shall grant such privilege whenever applied for, upon the usual terms for granting minor privileges in the public highways of the City, and at rates not greater than the usual rates charged for laying other pipes in such highways, unless at the time such application is made the Water Board of Baltimore City is ready promptly to extend the Baltimore City water service into the territory so applied for by such water company. Every such water company shall be entitled to maintain, without any franchise or minor privilege charge, its existing pipes now situate in any portion of the territory annexed by this Act to Baltimore City, until the expiration of its existing right to maintain said pipes. And the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall grant to every such water company, upon payment of the usual franchise or