

OFFICERS SHALL QUALIFY.

1910, ch. 341, sec. 218 (p. 686).

526. All officers of said city, except the Mayor, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, shall make oath before a justice of the peace for Carroll County that they will act faithfully, without favor, partiality or prejudice, in all things appertaining to their respective offices; the Mayor shall qualify as directed by Section 7 of Article 70 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Official Oaths," before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll County; and a failure to take such oath and to qualify within two weeks after their election shall be deemed a refusal on the part of the party failing to accept the office to which he has been elected. The Common Council shall be judges of the qualifications of the Mayor and of their own members.

BAILIFF.

1910, ch. 341, sec. 219 (p. 687).

527. The Mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the Common Council, may appoint a bailiff or bailiffs, not exceeding three, who, within the limits of said city and beyond them within one-half mile thereof, shall have all the police powers of constables of the State of Maryland; and it shall be their duty to enforce the by-laws and ordinances of the city and the laws of the State of Maryland relating to crimes and misdemeanors committed within it. Special bailiffs may also be appointed by the Mayor, or, in his absence, by the President of the Council, whenever the exigency of the occasion requires it, their duties and powers being similar to the regular bailiff. The regular bailiff or bailiffs shall give bond, with security and in such penalty as shall be prescribed by ordinance, said bonds to be approved by the Mayor.

CLERK AND COLLECTOR.

1910, ch. 341, sec. 220 (p. 687).

528. The Mayor and Common Council may provide by ordinance for the appointment of a clerk, and one or more collectors of tax, may prescribe his or their duties, the character and amount of penalty of the bond, which said collector or collectors shall give for the faithful performance of their duties, and fix his or their compensation; and may provide for the prompt payment of the taxes hereinafter authorized to be levied, and to enforce by distress and sale the payment of the said taxes, after such time as may be fixed by ordinance for the payment thereof, upon giving ten days' notice by handbills of such sale. The personal property of the delinquent may be seized by any constable of Carroll County or bailiff of the town upon the written direction of the collector, the proceedings had being similar to those employed for distress for rent, and the same charges may be collected as in distraint proceedings, as well as an additional fee of one dollar for the collector. In event real estate is seized