

days, or until the fine be paid; provided that no greater sum than one hundred dollars be charged for any one license.

LIGHT AND WATER.

1910, ch. 341, sec. 226 (p. 692).

536. The Mayor and Common Council of Westminster may contract with any corporation, firm or person for the lighting of the city either with electric, gas or by such other means as they may deem proper; and for water for use for extinguishing fires or for other city purposes; provided, no such contract shall be for a longer period than ten years; and the said Mayor and Common Council of Westminster are hereby authorized and directed to annually levy a special tax upon the property subject to assessment in the city of Westminster sufficient to pay for such light or water, whether now or hereafter contracted for; and the said special tax so levied shall be collected as the other taxes are collectible, and the surplus, if any, of such special tax shall be annually carried forward to the account of this fund for the succeeding year, and at the expiration of any such contract the balance shall go into the general funds of the City of Westminster.

Water Co. v. Westminster, 98 Md. 551.

1910, ch. 341, sec. 227 (p. 692).

537. The present rates of the Consolidation Public Utilities Company of Westminster for supplying water, gas and electric light to the City of Westminster and to the inhabitants thereof shall not be hereafter increased without the consent of the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster being first given; and if the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster will not consent to any proposed increase in rates by the Consolidated Public Utilities Company of Westminster, its successors or assigns, then the matter of such increase of rates shall be submitted to three arbitrators to decide (first) if any proposed increase in rate should be made, and, if said arbitrators decide an increase in any such rate should be made, (second) to determine what would be a fair and reasonable increased rate; and the decision of said arbitrators shall be binding and effective on the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster and the said Consolidated Public Utilities Company of Westminster, its successors and assigns, and may be enforced by any proceeding at law or in equity or by ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council.

Westminster v. Consolidated Pub. Utilities Co., 132 Md. 374.

1910, ch. 341, sec. 228 (p. 693).

538. And the said three arbitrators shall be residents and qualified voters of the city of Westminster, at least thirty years of age, and owners of assessed property within the corporation limits of Westminster to the amount of at least \$1,000; and the said Mayor and Common Council of Westminster shall name one of said arbitrators and the said The Consoli-