

penalties and regulations as they may think necessary to preserve the public health and secure the inhabitants from contagious, infectious or other diseases, to suppress drunkenness, vice and immorality and punish all violations of the public peace from whatever cause, and generally they shall have the power to ordain and enforce all ordinances, rules and regulations necessary for the peace, good order, health and safety of the town and of the people and property therein, and may impose such reasonable fines, forfeitures or imprisonments as to them may appear necessary for the violation of any of the ordinances of said town. They shall have power to establish and regulate a station house or lock-up for confinement of violators of the law and ordinances of said town. Upon written petition signed by the majority in interest of the owners of the majority of front feet of property abutting on any street, lane and alley of a distance not less than a block the said Mayor and Commissioners shall have power to grade and pave all of the streets, lanes, and alleys of said town, which in their judgment the public convenience may require to be graded, curbed and paved, and apportion the expense of said improvement among the owners of lots fronting on said street or improved portion thereof, so that one-third of such expense shall be borne by the owner or owners of each abutting lot on each side of said street, and the remaining one-third of such expense shall be paid out of the general corporate funds of said town; and all assessments made by the Mayor and Commissioners of Westernport for any of the purposes mentioned herein are hereby made a lien upon the abutting real estate, equal in rank to corporate taxes, and may be collected as taxes levied by the Mayor and Commissioners of Westernport and enforceable and collected in the same manner as the general corporate taxes of said town can be collected, provided that each owner may have the privilege of three years in which to make the said payments with interest thereon at the rate of six (6%) per cent. for assessments, the time of each payment being determined by the Mayor and Commissioners. They shall have power to make reasonable regulations in regards to buildings to be erected in said town and to grant building permits for the same; to make and establish grades on the streets and highways of the town; to cause the sidewalks and gutters along the public streets and highways of said town to be graded, paved or repaired at the cost and expense of the abutting property or owner thereof and to collect from said abutting property owner thereof the cost of making said improvements thereto, when made by the Mayor and Commissioners of Westernport, after refusal or neglect on the part of the property owner to do so after reasonable notice, the cost of which improvement as made by the Mayor and Commissioners, shall be a lien against said abutting property and collectable as are liens for taxes against said property or owner thereof; to charge for and grant licenses for marketable commodities and for carrying on any business, trade, industry, profession or occupation within the limits of said town, and more specifically in connection therewith but not by way of limitations or restrictions, to regulate and provide for the