

charge of their respective duties, qualify by taking before the Mayor an oath to faithfully perform the duties of their respective offices. A test book shall be kept by the Mayor which shall be signed at the time of taking oath aforesaid by said officials. All vacancies occurring in any of the offices which the Mayor is empowered to fill shall be filled by the Mayor until the next regular meeting of the board, when the Mayor shall present the name of a person to fill such vacancy, and the mode and manner of procedure in such case shall be the same as provided for in this section for other appointments by the Mayor and confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, but the person first appointed by the Mayor to fill the vacancy shall hold the office until there has been a confirmation by the board unless sooner removed by the Mayor himself.

OATH OF OFFICE.

1898, ch. 1, sec. 173. 1918 Code, sec. 245.

**223.** The Mayor, the City Register, the Aldermen, and all other officers of said city, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, shall severally take the following oath of office: "I solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of . . . . . to the best of my knowledge and ability, without favor, affection or partiality." The Mayor, City Register and Aldermen shall qualify before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, or before one of his sworn deputies; all other officers of said city shall qualify before the Mayor, who shall keep a full and correct record of all official oaths administered by him in a well-bound book provided especially for that purpose, which book shall be one of the public records of his office, and shall at all times be open to public inspection.

ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION.

1898, ch. 1. 1904, ch. 295. 1908, ch. 57, sec. 245. 1918 Code, sec. 246.

**224.** All property, real, personal and mixed, that may be within the corporate limits of Frederick City and all property that may have a situs within the limits of said city by reason of the residence of the owner therein, and all money belonging to residents of Frederick City which shall be the proceeds of the sale of stocks, bonds or other property disposed of for the purpose of evading and escaping taxation, shall be subject to taxation for municipal purposes; provided, that no authority is given by this section to impose taxes on any property which is now or may hereafter be exempt from taxation by any special or general Act of the General Assembly of Maryland; and provided, further, that the assessment and taxation of all stocks, bonds, evidences of debt and certificates of indebtedness shall be made in accordance with the existing general laws of the State of Maryland relating to revenue and taxes.

1908, ch. 57, sec. 245A. 1918 Code, sec. 247.

**225.** The Mayor shall at such time as shall be prescribed by ordinance appoint such number of assessors as the ordinance shall direct, subject to