

1914, ch. 836, sec. 67. 1924, ch. 406, sec. 67.

140. The Commissioners of Ellicott City may pass all ordinances necessary to preserve the health of said City; to prevent and remove nuisances; to suppress gambling; to license public amusements not taxed by the State; to open and keep open streets, lanes and alleys with the consent of the owners of the land through which the same may pass, or by paying damages therefor, which damages in all cases when property is condemned for City purposes shall be determined by a jury of twelve disinterested male citizens of said City, who, for that purpose, the President of the Commissioners of Ellicott City shall cause to be summoned and sworn; and the said jury so summoned and sworn shall return, under their hands and seals, to the President of the Commissioners of said City the result of their finding; and such damages so found shall be paid out of the treasury of said City. The Commissioners of Ellicott City shall have the further power to enact all laws and ordinances necessary to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases within said City; to establish night watches and patrols; to light the City; to erect and repair bridges; to pave, construct and keep in repair all necessary drains and sewers; and pass all necessary regulations for the regulation, repair and preservation of the same; to regulate party walls and partition fences; to provide for the licensing and regulating the sweeping and burning of chimneys and fixing the rates therefor; and to prescribe the size of those to be built in the City; to establish and regulate fire companies; to provide for the licensing, regulating or restraining of theatrical or other public amusements within the said City; to license hawkers, peddlers, traveling physicians, vendors of patent medicines or other articles; to sink wells; to make and regulate pumps, water pipes, hydrants, water plugs, fountains, sewers, etc., in the streets, lanes and alleys of the said City; and pass laws to protect the same; to impose and appropriate fines, penalties and forfeitures for the breach of their by-laws or ordinances; to pass ordinances for the prevention and extinguishment of fires; to purchase or lease and keep in repair a fire engine and apparatus, and to provide for the establishment of a fire and water department; to purchase or lease for a term of years any real estate deemed necessary for said fire department; to pass ordinances for paving and keeping in repair the streets, lanes and alleys of the said City; to provide for the taking up, fining or committing to the Howard County jail of all vagrants, drunken, loose or disorderly persons, and such as have no visible means of support and livelihood; and common disturbers of the peace that may be found within the jurisdiction of the said City; to declare and adjudge as nuisances any encroachments on the streets, lanes and alleys of said City; and to cause the same to be removed at the expense of the party offending; to restrain or prohibit the running at large of horses, cows, sheep, goats or other animals; to direct in what parts of the City buildings of wood shall not be erected; and to regulate the construction of the same; to pass ordinances for the preservation of order and securing property and persons from violence; to establish a building line for the erection of buildings on the