

thereon; to permit the construction and maintenance of telegraph, telephone and electric lines and gas mains on or in the public streets, and to impose such restrictions and conditions upon the location and maintenance of gas, electric light and trolley wires, poles, pipes and railroad tracks as shall secure the least possible public or private inconvenience, provided, however, that such permits as to underground construction, shall be in addition to those required under existing law; to contract for periods not exceeding five years with any public or private corporation or any person, for supplying the district or the inhabitants thereof, with gas or electricity or for any general municipal purpose except the furnishing of water or sewer service or garbage, refuse or ash disposal service, provided, however, that such contracts shall be let only after thirty days' notice calling for bids for such purpose or purposes has been given at least three times during that period in some newspaper of general circulation in the district, and the County Commissioners may, in their discretion, reject any or all bids whereupon such contract or contracts shall be awarded by ordinance; to license for the purpose of regulation or revenue all and every kind of business transacted or carried on within the district and to fix the rate of license upon the same and provide for the collection thereof by suit or otherwise; to inspect, license, regulate and limit as to location any place of public amusement or recreation, pleasure parks, picnic grounds, club houses, theatrical exhibitions, baseball grounds, bowling alleys, billiard or pool rooms or camp meeting grounds, grave yards, sanitariums, hospitals, homes for the aged, orphan asylums, homes for children, and convalescent homes; signs or sign boards on or near State or County roads; and in order to safeguard the public health, safety, morals and welfare, the County Commissioners are hereby authorized to pass rules, regulations or ordinances for the purpose of carrying out the powers herein granted; provided that such rules, regulations or ordinances shall contain proper standards for the exercise of the discretion conferred herein, shall operate uniformly, and that before the County Commissioners shall proceed to enforce any rule, regulation or ordinance passed in pursuance of the provisions of this Act, advertisement of such rule, regulation or ordinance shall be made in some newspaper published in Montgomery County, once a week for four successive weeks, before any rule, regulation or ordinance so passed shall be enforced. The County Commissioners are hereby authorized to adopt and enforce a uniform schedule of fees for licensing any class of business or enterprise as they may deem necessary, and shall collect all fees so determined, and pay the same over to the County Treasurer for the use of the County; to establish markets and regulate hours and limits thereof and the mode of dealing in relation thereto; to provide by ordinance for condemning, laying out, opening, extending and making new streets or alleys and for altering, straightening, widening, grading, improving or closing up in whole or in part, any existing street or alley; to regulate all offensive trades, manufacture and traffic in offensive fertilizers and other offensive commodities and prohibit hog-pens, stables, cow yards and slaughter houses within the District and to regulate