

brook or water course, or any personal property which they may deem expedient for the purposes aforesaid. And said council is hereby vested with all the rights and powers necessary for the construction, maintenance and operation of said improvements in said town. If from any cause said council shall be unable to agree with any owner of real estate, spring, brook, water course or right of way, or of any interest or claim therein, or if said owner be under any disability or incapacity to contract, or absent from the State, or unknown, the said council is hereby granted the powers of condemnation under the right of eminent domain, as provided in section 203, Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, as fully as if said section had been herein incorporated; and the manner and procedure in condemnation for the purposes of this act shall be in all particulars the same as is provided by section 203; provided, that if it shall become necessary to condemn any property lying within the limits of said town, and partly in Montgomery and partly in Prince George's County, the proceedings in relation thereto shall be had in the former county.

1898, ch. 125, sec. 4. 1912, ch. 790, sec. 630.

978. Said council is hereby authorized and empowered to do all acts necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this subtitle of this article; to contract for the building and construction of all or any portion of said improvements, either in one contract or in several, either with or without prior advertisement for bids, and with power to reject any or all bids which may be received therefor. And said council shall have full control of said water works, sewerage system and electric lighting plant when constructed, and shall have authority to employ such superintendents, workmen or other employees as may be necessary to carry on the same, and to purchase all supplies necessary for the successful operation thereof; to establish and maintain rules and regulations for furnishing said water and electric lighting to the residents thereof, and to sell water, light or power to any person or corporation, and to compel the householders of said town to connect their houses with the sewerage system so to be established, whenever in their judgment the public health and safety makes such action necessary, and to pass all ordinances necessary thereto; to establish and enforce rules and regulations governing sewer, water and electric wire connections and construction in said town; to fix and establish, from time to time, a schedule of rates and charges to be made and collected for the use of said water and electric lighting, by private consumers and to provide for the manner of collecting the same, which said charges are hereby made a lien upon the real estate to which said water and light may be furnished of the same degree and to be collected in the same manner, when delinquent, as the general taxes of said town. The said council is also empowered to make suitable provision for the protection of the property in said town from fire by providing a suitable number of fire plugs or public hydrants properly adapted to that purpose and conveniently situated for use.