

of owners, asking for a different kind of sidewalk, curb, gutter and street improvement, or any of them, in which event, the Mayor and Common Council shall forthwith adopt the sidewalk, curb, gutter or street improvement, or all, in said petition requested, instead of the one theretofore selected by them, and thereafter, as soon as practicable, begin, and with all possible expedition complete, said proposed improvements. If a majority of the owners abutting the proposed improvements, and chargeable with the cost thereof, shall, within the time above specified, file with the Mayor and Common Council a petition in writing, signed by said majority of owners, asking that the proposed improvements be made by contract, said improvements shall be made by contract.

1910, ch. 305, sec. 21C. 1912 Code, sec. 315.

541. The Mayor and Common Council are hereby authorized to make such sidewalks, curbs, gutters, road bed and street improvement except in those cases where the majority of the owners abutting the proposed improvement have so requested, as herein provided, that said improvements be made by contract, either by doing the work themselves without letting bids, or by contracting for the same as provided in Section 555. All contractors for such street improvements shall give bond in such sum as the Mayor and Common Council shall require, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Mayor and Common Council for the faithful performance of their contract.*

MANUFACTURING PLANTS.

1908, ch. 79, sec. 22. 1912 Code, sec. 318.

542. The Mayor and Common Council shall have the power to exempt manufacturing plants from taxation, and the property so exempt shall be likewise exempted from county taxation; provided, further, that no manufacturing establishment shall be maintained within the corporate limits of the town of Hyattsville, which shall at any time prove a nuisance or menace to health.

PUBLICATION OF TOWN EXPENSES.

1908, ch. 79, sec. 23. 1912 Code, sec. 319. 1927, ch. 164.

543. It shall be the duty of the Mayor and Common Council of Hyattsville, at least ten days before each regular election, to have prepared, in pamphlet form, a detailed statement of the financial condition of the town, including receipts and expenses of all kinds whatsoever, for the preceding year. At least ten days before such election it shall cause the same to be published in one newspaper of the town of Hyattsville, or cause a copy thereof to be mailed, postpaid, to each citizen of said town.

*Ch. 305, 1910, was submitted to a vote of the people of Hyattsville in May, 1910, and carried. The election was contested, but upheld. Carr v. Hyattsville, 115 Md. 545. Sec. 3 of said ch. 305 repealed all laws inconsistent therewith.