

to writing and read before passage, and after passage shall be recorded by the Town Clerk and Treasurer in an ordinance book to be provided by the town, and a copy of any resolution or ordinance from said ordinance book under the signature of the Town Clerk and Treasurer, attested by the seal of the town, shall be evidence in any court of law of the State of Maryland of the existence and contents of such resolution or ordinance. The style of all ordinances shall be "Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of Mount Rainier."

The Mayor and Common Council shall have full power to pass such ordinances as they may deem necessary for the good government, health and improvement of the town, and for the preservation of peace and good order therein. They may annually employ such persons as they may deem necessary for the purposes of said town, at such compensation as they may think proper. Any bailiffs or other officers of the peace appointed by them shall be charged with the duty of obtaining the peace and order of the said town, and authorized to make the necessary arrests in so doing. They may provide by ordinance for the opening and closing of streets, and the straightening, widening and improving the same, and for such purposes they shall have full power of condemnation to be exercised in accordance with the public general laws of Maryland. They may provide by ordinance for the establishment of the width and grade of sidewalks and the construction of the same and the assessment of the cost, or a part of the cost thereof, against the abutting property, which cost may be made a lien against the said property when and as they may direct and may be collected as taxes are collected. They may provide by ordinance for the setting out of shade trees, the trimming and removal of trees, vines or shrubbery on or along streets, or sidewalks, and for the removal of any obstructions in the streets, sidewalks, lanes or alleys. They may by ordinance require each and every landowner to keep the sidewalks and pavements in front of his, her or its respective premises in repair in such manner and upon such notice as they shall prescribe. They may by ordinance establish building lines and building regulations. They may by ordinance license amusement and public exhibitions upon such terms and conditions as to them may seem proper. They shall have full power to impose such fines, penalties and punishment for the breach of their ordinances as they may think proper. They may recover said fines or penalties by an action of debt and in addition thereto they may provide for the commitment of the offender for a period of not more than thirty days to such places of confinement as they may provide, or in case one not be provided to the County jail, and they are authorized and directed to make such arrangement for the use of said County jail with the public authorities of Prince George's County as may be necessary and the proper authorities of said County are required to receive and confine any person properly committed under the provisions of this Act, and of the ordinances of the Mayor and Common Council of Mount Rainier.

The Mayor and Common Council of Mount Rainier may by ordinance grant any franchise for such consideration, or in such manner as may to