

1929, ch. 169, sec. 21.

967. Neglect or non-user shall not work a forfeiture of this Charter.

1929, ch. 169, sec. 22.

968. The "Town of Takoma Park" is hereby declared to be the legal successor of the "Mayor and Council of Takoma Park," and shall be entitled to, and is hereby vested with, all the property and rights of every nature whatsoever, belonging to the "Mayor and Council of Takoma Park." The Mayor, Councilmen, and all other officers of the town in office at the date of the enactment of this Charter, shall hold their offices until their successors are elected, or appointed and qualified as herein provided. All ordinances, regulations and resolutions now in force, and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter shall remain in force until altered or repealed by competent authority. No provisions of this Charter shall affect any right, lien or liability subsisting at the date of its enactment.

1929, ch. 169, sec. 23.

969. This Charter is hereby declared to be a public Act, and may be used in evidence in all the courts of this State without proof.*

WATER, SEWERS AND LIGHT.

1898, ch. 125, sec. 3. 1912, ch. 790, sec. 629.

970. The council of said town is authorized and empowered to construct, maintain and operate water works, a sewerage system and an electric lighting plant for said town, and to contract for, purchase in fee simple or lease for a term of years, any real estate, right of way, spring, 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.

*Sec. 3, ch. 169, 1929, repealed all laws and ordinances inconsistent therewith.