

year 1915, two-tenths; for the year 1916, three-tenths; for the year 1917, four-tenths; for the year 1918, five-tenths; for the year 1919, six-tenths; for the year 1920, seven-tenths; for the year 1921, eight-tenths; for the year 1922, nine-tenths; of the rate fixed by the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown in said respective years as the rate of taxation for municipal purposes for said years, and for and after the year 1923 there shall be a uniform rate of taxation for municipal purposes for said years, and for and after the year 1923 there shall be a uniform rate of taxation for all property located within the corporate limits of Hagerstown.

Valentine v. Hagerstown, 86 Md. 487.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 22, sec. 195. 1886, ch. 409. 1908, ch. 627 (p. 1037).
1912, ch. 803.

362. The Mayor and Council shall annually levy on the assessable property of the town all needful taxes for general purposes and such further sums that are now or may hereafter be authorized by law for the liquidation of indebtedness; the said levy shall not be made in gross, but shall designate the particular heads for which it is to be expended; such taxes when levied shall be a lien upon property as now provided by law; and shall be collected as State and county taxes are collected, unless the Mayor and Council shall adopt some other mode by ordinance for the collection of the same.*

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 22, sec. 206. 1880, ch. 457.

363. The mayor and council are authorized and empowered to enter into and make contracts with a joint stock water company, to be hereafter formed, binding the corporate authorities of Hagerstown to pay, annually, to such joint stock water company, the interest at the rate of six per centum per annum; provided, said interest shall not exceed the sum of four thousand dollars, to be paid annually, upon the cost of making plans, surveys and estimates, the cost of purchasing lands, buildings, water-rights, rights of way, the cost of erecting and constructing buildings and machinery, laying mains and pipes, and erecting reservoirs and plugs for fire purposes, and the entire cost of completing water-works of sufficient capacity to supply the demands of all the inhabitants of Hagerstown for domestic and manufacturing purposes, and for the extinguishment of fires and protection of property in said town.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 22, sec. 207. 1880, ch. 457.

364. The mayor and council, in making contracts with said joint stock water company, shall bind the said company to use its revenues, incomes and receipts, except the money received from the mayor and council, to pay the interest as hereinbefore mentioned upon the cost of constructing the said water works, in the following manner and order of disbursements: first, to pay from said receipts the working expenses and expenses of keeping the said water works in complete repair, and thereafter with any

*Sec. 195A, ch. 58, 1894, authorized a tax levy for fire purposes on condition that the voters approved a "Fire Improvement Loan" of \$3,000 at election in April, 1894.