

1916, ch. 29, sec. 8.

**439.** While the work authorized by this Act is being done by said commission, the respective duties and powers of the City Engineer and other city officials in their relations to the existing sewers and drains of the City of Hagerstown shall, subject to the duties and powers hereby conferred upon said commission, continue as at present; and said commission shall be authorized as its work progresses to turn over from time to time, in its discretion, such completed portions of said work as it may see fit to the charge, superintendence and control of the proper city officials. When its work under this Act has been fully and finally completed in every respect, and not before, the life of said commission, as originally appointed and as subsequently recruited by appointments to occasional vacancies, if any, shall come to an end, and the said sewerage system established by it shall, so far as it has not already been surrendered to the charge, superintendence and control of said officials, be then so surrendered, and at the same time all the records, writings, and papers of said commission shall be delivered up to the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown to be preserved in its office, and all property and effects in its possession belonging to the city to the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown, to be disposed of by it as may be provided by ordinance.\*

1916, ch. 29, sec. 9.

**440.** After said sewerage system and sewerage disposal plant shall have been completed or any portion thereof the same shall become the property and effects of the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown and the Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a Superintendent of said sewerage system and sewerage disposal plant, with the advice and consent of the Council, and such officials and employees as may be needed or necessary to manage said sewerage system, and by order the said Mayor and Council may from time to time fix their salaries, wages and compensation in such amounts as it may deem just and reasonable. And the said Mayor and Council shall, by ordinance only, fix, establish and adjust reasonable sewer rents, rates and charges for the use of said sewers by individuals, firms and corporations, and in said ordinance make such reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary to enforce the payment thereof and to do all things necessary to fully and completely carry out the purpose of this Act in the management and control of said sewerage system and sewerage disposal plant. The Mayor and Council may, in its discretion, at any time after the completion of said sewerage system or any portion thereof, adopt a system of free sewerage service connection for the inhabitants of Hagerstown, and, in that event shall have full power and authority to make such rules and regulations for the conduct, govern-

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\*The other sections of ch. 29, 1916, created the Sewerage Commission, defined its powers and authorized \$750,000 for sewers, subject to referendum. Ch. 124, 1924, abolished the commission. Additional bonds were authorized for sewers as follows: 1920, ch. 47, \$750,000; 1922, ch. 57, \$750,000; 1929, ch. 299, \$300,000. The Acts of 1920 and 1922 were approved on referendum vote, the 1929 Act not requiring approval.