

service on such owner or owners, or by mailing such notice to the last known postoffice address of such owner or owners, then the said Mayor and City Council have the power and authority to proceed to make such improvement or repairs and assess the costs thereof to the owner or owners of the abutting property in proportion to the frontage of such property, such assessment to be collected as municipal taxes are collected by law in said City; and the said Mayor and City Council are hereby given full power and authority to appoint, employ and compensate all officers, agents, servants or employees that may, in the exercise of their discretion, seem necessary or advisable to carry into effect the provisions of this and the preceding or any other section of the charter of said Ocean City.

1904, ch. 658. 1920 Code, sec. 170.

144. The Mayor and City Council of Ocean City shall have the power and authority to provide for the entering into and examination of all dwelling lots, yards, enclosures and buildings to ascertain their condition for health, cleanliness and safety, for the taking down and removing of buildings, walls, structures or superstructures which may become dangerous, or to require owners to remove them or put them in a safe and sound condition at their own expense; to regulate the building and maintenance of party walls, smoke flues, fireplaces, chimneys, hot-air flues, smokestacks and stovepipes; to provide for and regulate the safe construction, inspection and repairs of all private and public buildings within the city; to regulate the height, construction and inspection of all new buildings hereinafter erected in said city, and the inspection and repairs of any buildings already erected.

Bassett v. Ocean City, 118 Md. 116.

1904, ch. 658. 1920 Code, sec. 171. 1920 Ch. 295, sec. 171.

145. The Mayor and City Council shall annually levy a tax for the expense of the corporation on all property both real and personal within the limits of Ocean City, including all household furniture and effects in excess of one hundred dollars in value held for the household use of the owner thereof or the members of his or her family, but not on public or private securities and book accounts; and the taxes shall be collected by a Collector appointed for the purpose by the Mayor and the compensation of said Collector shall not exceed five per centum and he shall give bond in such amount as the Mayor and City Council shall prescribe with surety or sureties to be approved by said Mayor and City Council, and shall hold his office during the term of two years unless sooner removed by the Mayor; and the said Collector in collecting the said taxes shall have full power to distrain for the same and to sell under the same procedure as a Sheriff would sell under a writ of fieri facias or the said taxes may be collected by suit, judgment and execution as debts are now collected; and if collected by suit, judgment and execution such suit, judgment and execution shall be in the corporate name of the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City; and judgments and executions in such suits for taxes shall