

have priority over all other liens of whatsoever character, except for unpaid taxes due the United States, the State of Maryland, or any of the counties of the State of Maryland; and this remedy may be applied to the collection of all taxes already levied by said Mayor and Council of Ocean City as well as those to be levied after the passage hereof; and in each such actions including actions before Justices of the Peace an appearance fee of five dollars to the plaintiff's attorney shall be taxed as a part of the plaintiff's costs.

See secs. 67 and 68 of this Article for payments to be made to Ocean City by the County Commissioners.

Bassett v. Ocean City, 118 Md. 116.

1898, ch. 528. 1920 Code, sec. 172. 1924, ch. 464.

146. The Mayor and City Council shall pass ordinances to preserve the health of the city and to abate nuisances to the inhabitants thereof; and for that purpose their jurisdiction and control shall extend beyond the western limits of the town to the middle of Synepuxent Bay; to prevent, restrain and regulate the running at large of horses, cattle, swine and geese within the limits of said city; to prohibit the firing of guns or pistols, and to regulate the shooting of fire-crackers and fireworks of every description within said city; to prohibit and disperse tumultuous and disorderly meeting of idle, dissolute and drunken persons; to provide for working and mending public streets; to open, close, alter and widen the streets, lanes and alleys of said city; to provide for the payment of the salaries of the police; to provide for the erection of boardwalks upon the sidewalks of said city; to establish building lines and to control and regulate the erection of all buildings; to purchase and use fire engines and other equipment for extinguishing fires; to provide for the regulation, good government and improvement of the city; they shall have control and superintendence over the public property of the city, and the franchises and the easements of the public streets of said city shall be vested completely in them, with power to grant the same whenever to them the interest of the public shall demand; they may enforce the observance of any ordinances passed by them, under such penalties and forfeitures as they may deem proper, not exceeding twenty-five dollars for any one offense; and all such penalties, fines and forfeitures may be recovered before a justice of the peace by a warrant and judgment; in case of failure or refusal to pay the same, the party so fined shall be committed for a period not exceeding ten days, to the public jail of said county, in the same manner that commitments are made for fines imposed by the Circuit Court of this State and convictions for misdemeanors; but the Mayor shall have power to remit at any time the said fines, penalties or forfeitures and costs, or any part thereof, at his discretion; provided, however, that any party feeling himself aggrieved by such fines, penalties or forfeitures, shall have his appeal to the Circuit Court, as appeals are now regulated by law, and the fines and forfeitures imposed and collected by any one of the provi-