

the ordinances of the town or the laws of the State, if the said offense is committed within the corporate limits of said town, as are hereinbefore conferred upon the policemen of Pocomoke City. Special policemen may be appointed from time to time by the Mayor, with the consent and approval of the Council, for a term of not to exceed two weeks, when it is deemed necessary for the good order and peace of the town, all of whom shall be vested with the same police powers during the term for which they shall have been appointed, as herein provided for policemen and night watchmen; and the Mayor and Council shall prescribe their duties and fix their compensation either by ordinance or by unanimous vote of the Council approved by the Mayor.

1906, ch. 549, sec. 215B. 1920 Code, sec. 268.

**212.** The Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City shall have full power and authority for laying out, opening, widening, extending, straightening out and closing up, in whole or in part, and for the grading, regrading, for shelling and reshelling, for paving and repaving, curbing and recurbing, and for repairing and keeping in good and proper condition and order for travel, traffic and other uses the streets, lanes, alleys and thoroughfares within the corporate limits of said town, whenever in their judgment the public welfare and convenience require any such action on their part. For laying out, opening, widening, extending, straightening out and permanently closing up the streets, lanes, alleys or thoroughfares of the town or any of them, provision must be made by ordinance. The Mayor and Council shall have full power and authority, by order noted on the minute book, for temporarily closing up or obstructing wholly or in part any of the streets, lanes, alleys and thoroughfares of the town whenever, in their opinion, circumstances call for or justify such action; and if the occasion for closing up or obstructing any street, lane, alley or thoroughfare is urgent, the Mayor may in writing authorize the policeman to close up or obstruct the same, or to allow the same to be closed up or obstructed until the decision of the Mayor and Council may be obtained. But such temporary closing up or obstruction shall not continue longer than circumstances make necessary. Whenever the Mayor and Council shall by ordinance order the opening of a new street or alley, or the widening or straightening of any existing street or alley, or the construction of any park, public square, sewer, wharf, market house, engine house, city hall or for any other public improvement, provided they are authorized to make such public improvement, the Mayor shall, by and with the consent of the Council, appoint three of the legal voters and freeholders of the town, not officeholders, who, together with the Mayor and President of the Council, shall constitute a commission to examine and report on proposed improvement; and if the said commission or majority of them shall certify to the Mayor and Council that any land, material or other property belonging to any person or corporation or the removal thereof, is necessary or convenient for the construction of the proposed improvement, then the Mayor and Council may condemn such property,