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Legislature upon said City of Baltimore, as set forth in Article XI-A of said Constitution; and expressly provided, further, that nothing contained in this Act shall give to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore or to the inhabitants thereof the right to initiate any legislation, laws or ordinances relating to the classification and taxation of real and personal property within the limits of the said City of Baltimore.

The power heretofore or hereafter granted to the City of Baltimore not included in Article 4, Section 6, Public Local Laws of Maryland, shall be exercisable by said City under any charter adopted in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the voters of the City of Baltimore by Article XI-A of the Constitution.

Nothing herein shall be construed to take away or limit any power which is now vested in the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, under the laws as existed prior to the passage of this Act.

Note: While this paragraph is not designated as a part of section 6 of Charter, the codifier has inserted it as a part of said section.

1908, ch. 54.

Whenever the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall condemn any land for a street, square, lane, alley, bridge or its approaches, or reservoir, or for an esplanade, boulevard, parkway, parkgrounds or public reservation around, adjacent, opposite or in proximity, or leading to a public building or buildings, or land adjoining such esplanade, boulevard, parkway, parkgrounds, or public reservation as authorized by the next preceding section, or for a schoolhouse, engine house, court-house or market, or shall condemn any land for the purpose of creeting thereon any building, structure or improvement of any description, intended for a public or municipal use or uses, in all such cases the absolute and unqualified fee simple title to such land, or, when the proceeding is in personam, all the right, title and interest of the owner or owners who are made parties to the proceeding, if they should not be the owners of the entire fee simple title, shall be condemned and acquired, so that neither the said land nor any interest therein, shall under any circumstances revert to the person or persons who shall be the owner or owners thereof at the time of the condemnation, or who shall be parties to such proceeding in personam, nor to any person or persons claiming under him, her or them; provided, however, that when the condemnation shall be provided for by ordinance, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may determine, and in the ordinance providing for the condemnation declare, that an interest for a fixed and limited period of time will suffice for the purpose or purposes for which the property is to be acquired, and under such circumstances, only such interest shall be condemned and acquired.

N. C. Ry. Co. v. Balto., 133 Md. 658.

1910, ch. 571.

6B. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to establish or maintain, directly or by contract, reasonable facilities for the public recreation.