

taxes, and they may prescribe the manner in which such assessment shall be made, and provide for adjusting all differences in relation to such assessment, and do all other things necessary for making such assessment.

19. The assessment of the taxable property within the limits of the city as made by the assessors of Howard and Baltimore counties, shall be the basis of taxation, until the mayor and common council shall determine and perfect a city assessment as provided for in the last preceding section.

*Ibid.* s. 19.  
Basis of taxation.

20. The mayor and common council may pass ordinances for the appointment of one or more assessors, to prescribe their duties, and provide a suitable compensation for them.

*Ibid.* s. 20.  
Appointment and pay of assessors.

21. All assessments made under any ordinance passed by said corporation, shall be chargeable with the taxes levied for the use of the corporation, and the mayor and common may provide by ordinance for the increase or abatement of any erroneous assessment.

*Ibid.* s. 21  
Abatement of errors.

22. The mayor and common council may provide by ordinance, for the appointment of one or more collectors of tax, may prescribe their duties, the character and amount of bond which such collectors shall give for the faithful performance of their duty; and may provide for the prompt payment of the tax herein authorized to be levied; and to enforce by distress or otherwise the payment of the same as may be fixed by ordinance for the payment thereof.

*Ibid.* s. 22.  
Appointment of collectors, their duties and bonds.

Distress for taxes.

23. They may levy a tax on the property assessed in said city, not exceeding ten cents in every hundred dollars of the assessed value thereof.

*Ibid.* s. 23.  
Amount of levy.

24. The mayor and common council shall annually elect by joint ballot, a register of said city, and shall fix and ascertain his duties and compensation by ordinance.

*Ibid.* s. 24.  
Register of city.

25. The mayor may call upon any officer of the city entrusted with the receipt and expenditure of public money, for a statement of his accounts, as often as he, or the corporation may conceive it necessary.

*Ibid.* s. 25  
Statement of accounts.