

north fifty-four degrees, east fifty-four and eighty-four hundredths perches to the place of beginning; and the citizens residing within the said corporate limits are created a body corporate, with perpetual succession, by the name of "The Town of Belair," with all the privileges of a body corporate, and the right to have and use a common seal; and shall be liable and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court of law or equity.

1874, ch. 278.

23. The citizens residing within the corporate limits of said town of Belair shall hold an election on the first Monday of May, in every year, for five commissioners, who shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall have the management of the town; and who shall have full power and authority to enact and pass all ordinances to preserve the health of the town, to promote cleanliness and good order, to regulate the keeping and running at large of cattle, swine, goats, dogs, fowls and other animals; to preserve and promote the peace, order and good government of said town; to regulate the police, and provide for the payment of the same; to impose and appropriate taxes, fines, penalties, and forfeitures for the breach of their ordinances; to establish new avenues, streets, alleys and sidewalks; to open, widen, narrow, repair, extend, stop up or discontinue avenues, streets, alleys and sidewalks, now laid out or used, and such as may be hereafter lawfully established; to levy and collect taxes for establishing, opening, narrowing, closing, repairing and keeping in order such avenues, streets, alleys and sidewalks, and the roads leading from and to said town; provided, that when any avenue, street, alley or sidewalk shall be opened, widened or closed, the full value of all property taken and used for such avenue, street, alley or sidewalk, or damage to be sustained in closing the same in whole or in part, shall be assessed by the commissioners, and the said full value so assessed shall be paid, or offered to be paid, to the proprietors of said property before the said avenue, street, alley or sidewalk is opened, widened or closed; and any proprietor who may feel aggrieved by such action of the commissioners, shall be entitled to an appeal at any time within thirty days after such offer of payment, to the circuit court for said county; and