

157. The real estate of a delinquent tax-payer may be sold to pay city taxes, whether there be personal property or not, the tax collector complying with the provisions of the two preceding sections.

158. In all cases where lands held in fee-simple or by a lease shall be sold for payment of taxes in arrears, according to the provisions of existing laws, it shall be the duty of the tax collector to report the said sale, together with all the proceedings had in relation thereto to the circuit court for Harford county, and the court shall examine said proceedings, and if the same appear to be regular and the provisions of law in relation thereto have been complied with, shall order notice to be given by advertisement in one weekly newspaper published in said county, warning all persons interested in the property sold to be and appear on a certain day in the said notice to be named, to show cause, if any they have, why said sale should not be ratified and confirmed, and if no cause or an insufficient cause be shown against the said ratification, the said sale shall by order of said court be ratified and confirmed, and the purchasers shall on payment of the purchase money have a good title to the property sold; but if a good cause in the judgment of the said court be shown in the premises, the said sale shall be set aside, in which case the said tax collector shall proceed to a new sale of the property and bring the proceeds into court, out of which the purchaser shall be repaid the purchase money paid by him to the tax collector on said rejected sale, and all taxes assessed on said real estate and paid by said purchaser since said sale and all costs and expenses properly incurred in the said court, with interest on all such sums from the time of payment, and if the purchaser has not paid the purchase money or the subsequent taxes, said proceeds shall be applied to the payment of the taxes for which said real property may have been sold, and all subsequent taxes thereon then in arrears with interest on the same, according to law, and the costs of the proceedings; but such sale shall not be set aside if the provisions of law shall appear to have been substantially complied with; and the burden of proof shall be on the exceptant to show the same to be invalid under the law.

159. Whenever real estate shall be sold by the tax collector, the owner thereof prior to such sale, may redeem the same by paying into court to be paid to the purchaser thereof within the period of twelve calendar months from the date of such sale, the amount of the purchase money with interest thereon at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum from the date of the sale.

183. The mayor and city council are authorized and empowered to pass ordinances to encourage the location and establishment in the city of manufactories and manufacturing industries and enterprises and the growth and development of those already es-