

in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for Allegany County, and said map, or a certified copy thereof, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the contents thereof in any suit or suits, action or actions in any court of law or equity in this State, and all water mains, sewers and drains hereafter constructed shall also be recorded on similar plate, provided, however, that for all sanitary and police purposes the mayor and city council of Cumberland shall have and exercise full authority for one mile in every direction beyond the bounds and limits of said city.

49. The election for mayor and city councilmen shall be held under the provisions of article thirty-three of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland and the amendments thereto.

58. All the vacancies in the city council shall be filled by the city council without delay, from the ward or wards from which such vacancies occur, or at large as the case may be, provided, that the said vacancy shall be filled by a person of the same politics as the one who has died, resigned or been removed, and in case of a vacancy in the office of mayor, the president of the council shall act as mayor until the next city election, and the qualification of his successor.

59. Said city council may from time to time cause an assessment to be made of all the property, real, personal or otherwise, and securities liable to State and County taxes, by three assessors appointed by them, and levy thereon a tax not exceeding in any one year fifty cents on every one hundred dollars, worth of assessable property for general purposes, and shall, from among the members of the city council, appoint three persons, to be known as the Assessment Committee, whose duty it shall be, at all times, to assess such property and securities as may come to their knowledge, and have the same put upon the assessment books of the city.

60. Any person may appeal from the valuation made by said assessors or Assessment Committee, or from any assessment now in force, to said city council, and said city council shall arrange by ordinance for the hearing of such appeals and fix a time therefor, and may hear the same by a committee of themselves or otherwise, and shall give notice of the time and place fixed for hearing such appeals by advertisement in one or more newspapers of said city, and upon such appeal, said city council or its committee may examine the party appealing under oath, and shall reassess the property of such applicant as they may deem just ;