

governing said Town, including the expense of having a meeting place for said Commission and a place for keeping the records, books, property and other things of said Town, the expense of registering voters, conducting elections, providing records, books, and other things necessary for the proper government of said Town, the expense of paying the salary of the Town Constable, the expense of hiring persons, including an Attorney or Attorneys, to perform work and services for said Town, to enter into contracts on behalf of said Town, for the foregoing or any other lawful purpose in connection with the government of said Town, and to fix the amount of compensation to be paid thereunder and to expend the monies and funds of said Town for any of the foregoing or any other lawful purpose for the benefit of said Town, and to do all other acts and things, subject only to the limitations of this Act, and for the good government of the Town of Fruitland, and for the benefit of said Town. Provided, however, that neither the Town of Fruitland nor the Fruitland Commission nor any person shall have power or authority, in any one year, to contract debts or incur any financial liability on behalf of said Town in excess of the current annual revenues of said Town.

(B) That nothing herein contained shall be taken or construed to impose upon the Fruitland Commission or the Town of Fruitland the duty or responsibility to open, close, hard-surface, maintain or repair the streets or other highways within the Town of Fruitland, or in any way change, alter and diminish the existing or future duties and responsibilities of The State of Maryland, and/or the County Commissioners of Wicomico County in respect to the streets and highways within said Town.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted:*

(A) That the Town of Fruitland and the Fruitland Commission shall have the power to levy, on the first day of January of each year, beginning with the calendar year succeeding the adoption of this charter, taxes at the rate of not exceeding fifty cents on each one hundred dollars of the assessable value of real property within said Town, based on the State and County assessment, for all purposes; and the County Commissioners of Wicomico County are hereby authorized to give the Fruitland Commission a copy of the tax list of said Town annually, or as often as is necessary, the boundaries of which are laid down in Section Two of this charter; and all taxes so levied shall be a lien on any and all property of the person, firm, part-