

fore the third Monday of October in each year, the total amount of assessed property, real and personal, subject to taxation by the said Commissioners of Grasonville on the first Monday of October preceding said third Monday of October.

SEC. 23. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioners of Grasonville, a municipal corporation of Queen Anne's County, created by and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, is hereby empowered and authorized to erect, own and maintain within its corporate limits a public hall or building wherein the officers of said corporation can hold the municipal elections and meetings, transact the business of said corporation, receive the municipal taxes, and wherein fire apparatus can be kept, and to contain, in addition to the rooms required for the above or other municipal purposes, a large hall or assembly room, suitable for the holding of public assemblies, lectures, plays or other entertainments.

SEC. 24. *And be it further enacted*, That said municipal corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to pass such ordinances as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act and for the management and protection of said public hall or building and the use of the same.

SEC. 25. *And be it further enacted*, That before this charter becomes effective the Commissioners of Grasonville shall submit it in its entirety for ratification to the qualified voters of said town at the first annual election, the date of which is provided for in this Act. Notice of said election shall be given by publication in county newspapers, printed and published in Queen Anne's County at least two weeks before said election. The ballots shall be prepared by the Commissioners of Grasonville and shall have printed on them a condensed form of the contents of the charter.

The words "For Ratification of Charter" with a blank square opposite the right of said words, and immediately thereunder shall be the following words: "Against Ratification of Charter" with a blank square opposite the right of said words. And the voter shall indicate his choice by making a cross (x) in one of said blank squares. And the acting Commissioners of Grasonville shall appoint the necessary officers to conduct the election.

If two-thirds of the votes cast upon said question shall be "For Ratification of Charter", then this charter shall be of full force and effect, but if a sufficient number of voters cast their votes "Against Ratification of Charter" to make the majority "For Ratification of Charter" less than two-thirds majority then this charter shall be void and of no effect.

Approved April 25, 1947.