

erty for public use, whether belonging to private individuals, partnerships or corporations, and including any avenues, roads, lanes, thoroughfares, rights or interests, piece or parcel of land, privileges or easements, that the Commissioners of Ridgely may deem desirable or necessary for public purposes.

SEC. 36. In the event the President is incapacitated from the performance of his duties at any time on account of illness or necessary absence from the town of Ridgely, the President pro tempore of the Council shall as acting President be clothed with and perform all of the duties incident to the office of President.

SEC. 37. The Commissioners of Ridgely shall have power to pass all by-laws and ordinances not contrary to law, as they may deem necessary for the good government of the town to preserve the health, peace and safety and well being of the inhabitants, and the protection of property thereof, to prevent, remove and abate all nuisances or obstructions in or upon the streets, highways, lanes or alleys, drains or water-courses, or in or upon any lot adjacent thereto or any other place within the limits of said town, and to provide for imposing a fine or imprisonment on any person causing or creating any such nuisances or obstructions; to restrain all disorder, disturbances, annoyances, disorderly conduct and drunkenness therein, to suppress street walkers and to prohibit or restrain the keeping of bawdy house or houses of ill fame within the limits of the town; to prevent firing of guns, cannons, pistols, rifles, sling-shots, fire-crackers or other fire works or other explosives therein; to suppress fires and prevent the dangers thereof; to establish and maintain a fire department; to make reasonable regulations in regard to buildings to be erected in said town, and to grant building permits for the same; to formulate a building code and to appoint a building inspector, and to require a reasonable fee for the issuance of building permits; to regulate and restrict the height, number of stories and size of buildings and other structures, the size of yards, courts and other open spaces, and the location and use of buildings, structures and land for trade and industry, residence or tanks, pumps or other fixtures; to establish the distances buildings or any part thereof, fences or walls shall be erected from inner curb of street line; to direct in what part of the town wooden bulidings shall not be erected or constructed; to prevent and regulate the storage of gunpowder, oil or other combustible matter in such quantities and in such places as they may deem proper; to prevent obstructions on the streets, lanes, alleys and highways of said town; to remove or cause to be removed houses or other structures that may be dangerous to persons passing along or over any of the highways of the town;