

corporate limits thereof; to regulate or prevent the use of streets, sidewalks and public places for signs, signposts, awnings, awning posts, posts, horse troughs, steps, railing, entrances, rocks, posting handbills and advertisements and display of goods, wares and merchandise; to grant franchises and regulate the putting of sewers or drains on or under its streets, alleys or highways and the charges for entering same; to grant and regulate franchise to electric light companies, power companies, gas companies, street railway companies, water companies, telephone companies, telegraph companies, sewer or drain companies, and any other which they deem advantageous and beneficial to said town or the inhabitants thereof; all such franchises shall be for a definite term of years not exceeding twenty-five years, and be renewable at the discretion of the Commissioners of Ridgely, and shall specifically set out the nature, right and duration of same, and no power or right not expressed in the franchise or grant shall pass thereunder; to establish and maintain public parks and playgrounds, to control and protect the public grounds and property of the town; to establish and regulate a station house or lockup for temporary confinement of violators of the laws and ordinances of the town; to punish and suppress tramps and vagrants; to regulate the keeping of dogs in said town; to provide for protection of all public property, cemeteries and property of all public service companies or corporations and for any franchise, easement or privilege hereafter granted the Commissioners of Ridgely may charge for such franchise, easements or privileges when granted, and may charge an annual rental upon any franchise, easement or privilege for using the streets, highways and sidewalks of said town that hitherto has been granted or may hereafter be granted; to regulate and license auctioneers who cry any public sales within the corporate limits of the town; to regulate and control all offensive trades, manufacture and traffic in offensive fertilizers or other commodities within the town limits; to provide for the codification of all ordinances which may have been or may hereafter be passed; and for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing powers and for the preservation of the cleanliness, health, peace and good order of the community, and for the protection of the lives and property of the citizens, and to suppress, abate and discontinue, or cause to be suppressed, abated or discontinued all nuisances within the corporate and sanitary limits of said town, they may pass all ordinances or by-laws from time to time necessary, and to insure the observance of said ordinances in addition to the usual action of debt or such other civil remedies as may exist in such cases by law for the recovery of the penalties therein affixed, the Commissioners of Ridgely