

taxes, were regularly and validly taken; that the land was subject to taxation, that the taxes had not been paid before the sale, that the property had not been redeemed and that the deed vested in the grantee an absolute title, according to its tenor. The Town of Washington Grove is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase any property offered for sale for the payment of taxes, provided it shall not bid a sum greater than the taxes in arrears upon said property, and the interest and expenses of sale and costs and fees, and the same shall be reported as hereinbefore provided, as sold to the Town of Washington Grove, which said Town of Washington Grove shall be treated and considered the same as any other purchaser. If any person claiming title under a tax deed made as hereinbefore provided shall be defeated in any suit or proceedings by or against him for the recovery of the land purporting to be conveyed by such tax deed, the successful claimant shall be adjudged to pay him the full amount paid by the purchaser, at the tax sale, with interest at the rate of fifteen per centum (15%) per annum on the total amount thus paid, also the amount of all taxes, State, county or municipal, general or special, paid by the purchaser, his heirs or assigns after the date of the certificate of purchase, and interest thereon at six per centum (6%) per annum; this judgment shall be a lien on the land in controversy. The Bailiff shall immediately after the redemption of any property certify the said redemption to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, and the said Clerk shall record the same according to the customs now pursued in said office.

The failure of the Council, or any person designated by them, or of any official herein charged with any duties in relation to the assessment, levy or collection of taxes to perform the acts required of them at or within the time specified, shall not affect the validity of such act, or any proceedings based thereon, if done within a reasonable time thereafter.

1046. All taxes and assessments as aforesaid shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent. (6%) after thirty days from the date of the rendition of the bill for taxes and assessments.

1047. No license shall be issued by any authority for the sale or barter in any way of spirituous or malt liquors, wines, or cider within the Town of Washington Grove; provided, that no land or any improvements erected or to be erected thereon within the Town of Washington Grove shall be used for mercantile, manufacturing or mechanical purposes unless specific permission is given in writing by the Mayor after a