

shall bear interest at the rate of not more than five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and for which proper interest coupons are to be attached to said bonds; said bonds shall be signed by the Mayor of the City of Cumberland and duly attested by the City Clerk, with the corporate seal of the City thereunto attached.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of paying the interest of said bonds, and retiring said bonds at maturity, said Mayor and City Council of Cumberland shall assess against the assessable property in the City of Cumberland in each year during the continuance of said bonds a sum of money sufficient to pay the interest upon said bonds, and such further sum as may be required for the purpose of finally retiring said bonds at maturity, and shall deposit said principal sum with the Trustees of the Sinking Fund of the City of Cumberland, and it shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund to invest such sums so paid to them for said purpose, together with all interest which may accrue, in proper securities and they shall have power to purchase bonds issued hereunder for said Sinking Fund.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland shall cause proper advertisement to be made stating the time and place where bids, conditioned as the said Mayor and City Council may require, will be opened for the sale of said bonds as a whole or in parts, reserving unto itself the right to reject any and all bids. Said bids, together with such certified checks as may be required, shall be filed with the City Clerk, and at the time and place advertised, shall be opened by him in the presence of the Mayor and City Council, and if said bids be satisfactory to the Mayor and City Council, it shall sell said bonds, or any part thereof, to the highest bidder or bidders therefor, of whose ability to comply with the terms of sale the said Mayor and City Council, in its discretion, is satisfied. In the event that said bonds be sold, the proceeds thereof shall be placed in a separate fund and shall be used for the sole purpose of acquiring lands or rights in lands in connection with a suitable flood prevention program to be adopted by the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland, or for land in connection with any other purpose or purposes, but for no other purpose or purposes.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That any and all Acts or parts of Acts or any part or parts of the Charter of the City of Cumberland, Maryland, conflicting in any way herewith is or are repealed in so far and to the extent that the same shall so conflict.