

ment to be fixed by reasonable ordinance or ordinances as the Town may pass in the premises.

That the President and Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to pass such ordinance or ordinances as shall protect the property of the inhabitants of the Town against fire hazards, which said ordinance or ordinances shall provide penalties for disobedience of the same and shall provide, also, means of abatement of said fire hazards, if it be reasonable and convenient to do so, at the expense of the owner of said property and the cost of the said abatement shall be a lien on the said property where said fire hazard appears and shall take precedence over a mortgage or any other lien on said property.

188C. That the President and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton are hereby authorized and empowered to provide a scale of fees for licenses and permits to be issued by the Town of Elkton, either annually, monthly, weekly or by the day, to all persons, firms or corporations engaged in any business or profession in the Town of Elkton of any kind whatsoever, whether the same be manufacturing, selling, trading, soliciting, taking orders for present or future deliveries, carnivals (not County), shows and exhibitions, or otherwise, if the activities of said persons, firms or corporations in the Town of Elkton are for profit and reward, and the ordinance or ordinances establishing said scale of fees for licenses or permits shall go into effect on the first day of the month next succeeding the passing of the ordinance or ordinances, provided, that ten days notice of the passage of such ordinance or ordinances shall be given in one or more of the leading newspapers published in Cecil County and circulated in the Town of Elkton; provided, however, that if any person, firm or corporation, shall pay taxes on real or personal property to the Town of Elkton, annually, in a sum which shall equal or exceed the fee charged for any license or permit to engage in the business or a profession in the Town of Elkton, as hereinbefore provided, the said fee for said license or permit shall be refunded to said person, firm or corporation; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall authorize or empower the President and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton to require any person, firm or corporation under this section to pay a license or permit fee to sell oysters or fish in their natural state or the grower of any vegetables or fruits or producers of milk to sell the same.