

sold for taxes or assessments pursuant to law, by one Collector, and such sale has been reported by the Collector who made the same, but the deed for such property has been executed and delivered by the successor in office of the Collector who made such sale and report as aforesaid such conveyance shall be as valid to all intents and purposes as it would have been if made by the Collector who made and reported the sale.

642. The Mayor and City Council of Laurel may purchase at the public sale held on or before the third Monday in February in each year under the provisions of Section 637 any property offered for sale for taxes or assessments in default for an amount not exceeding the taxes and assessments against said property and the costs of said sale, and in case of such purchase, the provisions of Sections 637, 638, 639 and 640 as to purchasers of such property shall apply to the said Mayor and City Council, except that the Mayor and City Council shall credit itself with the purchase price instead of paying the same as provided for other purchasers under Section 638, and if the property so sold to it shall not be redeemed at the expiration of one year and a day from the day of sale, the Collector shall execute a deed for the same to the Mayor and City Council. Thereafter the Mayor and City Council is authorized to sell said property at private sale by resolution of the City Council duly approved by the Mayor to any person or persons offering to purchase same for an amount not less than the total taxes and assessments levied against said property, including those for which the property was sold and costs of such sale and transfer to the Mayor and City Council, and to execute a deed to the purchaser therefor on receipt of the purchase price, signed for said corporation by the Mayor and the President of the City Council with the sale of the town attached, attested by the Clerk to the City Council, which deed shall be acknowledged on behalf of the Mayor and City Council by the Mayor.

643. Whenever there shall be a default in the payment of taxes on personal property and the Collector shall have distrained or levied upon the same for non-payment of any taxes due by the owner thereof, before making sale of the property so distrained or levied upon, said Collector shall give notice by advertisement published once a week for two successive weeks prior to the day of sale, in one or more newspapers published in said town, or if there be no newspaper published in said town, then in some newspaper