

shall not exceed at any one time seven per cent. of the assessed valuation of the property in said City, unless special authority for such excess has either heretofore been given, or shall in the future be given, by some special Act of the General Assembly of Maryland.

The said Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg shall have and are hereby given express power and authority to borrow from time to time, if and as needed, for its immediate and usual corporate purposes, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for such purposes, and to pledge the faith and credit of the City therefor; provided, however, that such sum or sums of money hereby authorized to be borrowed shall not exceed in the aggregate the total uncollected estimated receipts for the current fiscal year; provided further, that any sum or sums of money so borrowed, and the interest due thereon, in pursuance of the authority hereby given, shall be repaid out of the taxes levied, collected or due and the interest paid thereon for the current fiscal year in which such sum or sums of money were borrowed, and/or from any other corporate income (other than Water Department income) due in such current fiscal year.

And the said Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg shall have the further power and authority, in case of an emergency, to borrow such sum of money as may be necessary for the immediate relief and the protection of the inhabitants of the City of Frostburg during such emergency, not to exceed in the aggregate, however, the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars; provided, however, that if said Mayor and City Council shall decide that an emergency does exist, it shall pass a resolution or ordinance so stating, and thereafter it shall file a petition in the Circuit Court for Allegany County, setting forth the existence of such emergency, its nature, the estimated amount of money needed for its relief and the proposed means of repayment. Upon the filing of such petition, it shall be the duty of any Judge of said Court, to whom such petition shall be presented, to forthwith pass an Order directing that at least five days' notice of the filing of such petition, and of its substance, object and purpose, be immediately given by publication thereof in one or more newspapers published in the City of Frostburg; and fixing a time to be set forth in said notice for a hearing thereon in said Court as soon thereafter as may be, at which hearing any citizen who is a taxpayer may appear and be heard. The proceedings in reference thereto at such hearing shall be informal; and, if after such hearing, the Court shall pass an Order authorizing the bor-