

on George Ifert's land, north forty-five degrees, west seven hundred and one and one-half feet to a stake on George Ifert's land aforesaid, thence south forty-five degrees, west three hundred feet to the place of beginning; and the police powers of said corporation shall extend to the distance of one-half mile in all directions beyond said taxable limits.

353. The male citizens of Middletown at the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who shall have resided within the taxable limits of said town for twelve months next preceding the election, shall elect by ballot on the first Monday of April annually, a burgess and five commissioners, who shall have resided within said town for twelve months next preceding the election; the said Burgess shall receive the sum of twenty-five dollars, and each of the said five Commissioners the sum of fifteen dollars as compensation for their respective services, to be paid annually out of the funds of said municipal corporation.

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354. All elections shall be held and conducted as shall from time to time be directed by the ordinances of the corporation, not inconsistent with the sub-title of this Article.

Elections  
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355. The burgess shall qualify by taking and subscribing the oath of office before the clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick county, or before one of his sworn deputies; and before proceeding to act, shall give bond to the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown, with securities to be approved by the commissioners, in the sum of five hundred dollars, for the faithful discharge of his duties; and the commissioners and all other officers of said corporations, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall severally take and subscribe before the Burgess, the following oath: I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of \_\_\_\_\_ to the best of my knowledge and ability, without favor, affection or partiality, so help me God; if the persons elected Burgess and Commissioners, respectively, or any of them, shall fail to take the oath prescribed in this section within ten days after notice of their election shall have been communicated to them in writing, by the person who, under the ordinances of the town, may be appointed to hold such election, the said person or persons so appointed, within five days thereafter, shall order an election to fill the vacancy or vacancies caused by such failure to qualify.

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