

CHAP. 127. which he shall receive for the city or be answerable for by law at such times as the law shall direct, then such obligations shall be void; and the Mayor is authorized to approve as surety upon said bond a guarantee company, and the premium for said bond, if any, shall be paid out of the city treasury. In case the person appointed treasurer shall fail to execute the bond required by this section within twenty days after the date of his appointment, or in the event of the treasurer's removal from the city, death, resignation or removal from office, the Mayor shall at once proceed to make a new appointment to fill the vacancy thereby occasioned. The treasurer shall take charge of and safely keep all monies, bonds, notes and other securities belonging to said city, and shall pay all claims against said city upon the order of the Mayor and City Council, but he shall not pay any claim against said city, no matter by whom held, without first deducting from the amount of such claim all and every sum or sums due or owing to said city for taxes, or otherwise, by the original holder of such claim, or by the assignee thereof, and no assignee of such claim shall avoid such deduction, but shall always be regarded as charged with notice of the city's right to make such deduction. He shall, as often as he is called upon to do so, make a written statement to the Mayor and City Council of the financial condition of the city. He shall not pay out any funds belonging to the city except upon orders passed in session by the Mayor and City Council and countersigned by the Mayor and city clerk. The treasurer shall be the collector of all taxes which may be levied by the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace, and shall receive and be the custodian of all monies which may be due said city from any source whatever, and he shall attend at the City Council chamber at such times, and between such hours, and shall receive such compensation as the Mayor and City Council shall by ordinance prescribe.

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151. The Mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the City Council, shall annually, on or before the first Monday in June, appoint a resident and legal voter of the city of Havre de Grace, not less than twenty-five years of age, to be city clerk. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties the said clerk shall take and subscribe, before some justice of the peace of Harford county, the oath prescribed in section 6 of Article 1 of the Constitution of this State. In case the person appointed city clerk shall fail to take the oath required by this section within twenty days after his appointment, or in the event of the clerk's removal from the city, death, resignation or removal from office, the Mayor shall at once proceed to fill the vacancy thereby occasioned by a

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