

CHAP. 826

General  
powers  
granted.

The Council shall have the power to, and it shall be lawful for them to provide in the case of conviction of any person for vagrancy, habitual drunkenness, wife beating or the keeping of or inmate of a disorderly house, sentence such person to hard work on the streets of said town for a period not exceeding twenty days, or to confinement in the Maryland house of correction for a period not to exceed six months, or less than two months. (21) The Council shall have the power to levy a tax and impose a license upon all gas companies, electric light companies, water companies, telephone companies, brokers, real estate and insurance agencies, pool rooms, billiard rooms, bowling alleys, located in or doing business in said town, merry-go-rounds and all mechanical inventions of leisure operated in said town. (22) The Council shall have the power to provide for the codification of all ordinances which may hereafter be passed. (23) The Council shall have the power to remove or cause to be removed, or to render secure any house or houses, buildings or other objects that may be dangerous to property, health or to the life or to the limbs of persons entering said house or building or passing along or over, and of the highways of said town or residing in the neighborhood thereof. (24) The Council shall have the power to suppress vagrancy and gambling within the limits of said town. (25) The Council shall have the power to provide for rigid enforcement of the Sabbath law by preventing all bodily labor on the Sabbath day, except acts of necessity and charity. (26) The Council shall have the power to purchase, receive and hold such real and personal property as may be necessary or proper for the town. (27) The Council shall have the power to grant for a period not exceeding forty years, upon such terms, rates, fares and charges and conditions as may be presented by ordinance, specific franchise or rights in or relating to any of the public property or places, as the right to use any highway, avenue, street, lane or alley, either on, above or below the surface of the same, and in or along its water front and wharf property; every such grant shall specifically set forth and define the nature, extent and duration of the franchise or right; shall make provision by the way of forfeiture or otherwise of the grant for the purpose of compelling compliance with the terms of the grant, and to secure efficiency of public service at reasonable rates and mainte-