

land, as amended by Chapter 616 of the Acts of the General Assembly, passed at the January Session, 1904, and to re-enact said Section 8 with amendments.

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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 8 of Article 4, entitled "City of Baltimore," of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, as amended by Chapter 616 of the Acts of the General Assembly, passed at the January Session, 1904, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows :

Repeal and re-enact.

8. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may grant for a limited time, and subject to the limitations and conditions contained in this Article, specific franchises or rights in or relating to any of the public property or places mentioned in the preceding section; provided, that such grant is in compliance with the requirements of this Article, and that the terms and conditions of the grant shall have first been authorized and set forth in an ordinance duly passed by the city. Every such grant shall specifically set forth and define the nature, extent and duration of the franchise or right thereby granted, and no franchise or right shall pass by implication under any such grant; and, notwithstanding any such grant the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall at all times have and retain the power and right to reasonably regulate in the public interest the exercise of the franchise or right so granted; and the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall not have the power by grant or ordinance to divest itself of the right or power to so regulate the exercise of such franchise or right, but no franchise shall be granted for the erection on any of the streets, lanes or alleys of the said city of any awning poles, posts, hitching posts, barber poles, railings, stepping stones, sign posts, horse troughs, clocks, stands of any character, or cellar doors or coal holes, unless the same be flush with the pavement; nor shall any franchise be granted for an open area, unless the same is used as a means of entrance to buildings used primarily for purposes of residence, and only in such case when the same does not extend more than three and one-half feet from the building line.

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SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved Mach 23, 1906.