

may deem expedient or necessary to purchase and hold for the purpose of building sewers and drains, or for the purpose of constructing and operating a general sewerage and drainage system of said city, or for the purpose of carrying out or exercising any of the privileges and powers granted said Mayor and Councilmen by law, and if the said Mayor and Councilmen cannot agree with the owner or owners, or if any of them be absent from the State or unknown, or without legal capacity to contract, by reason of infancy, coverture, insanity or otherwise, it shall be lawful for said Mayor and Councilmen to select by condemnation any such land, real or leasehold estate, improved or unimproved, right of way, easement, water right or water course, which they may deem necessary for the purpose of building or operating any sewer or sewers, or drain or drains, or for a general sewerage or drainage system, or for any of the public purposes for which said Mayor and Councilmen are granted powers by law, in the same manner and by the same proceedings as are now provided for in condemnation by corporations under Article 23, Sections 248 to 252, inclusive, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland.

CHAP. 262

IMPROVEMENT OF WATER WORKS AND RENTS.

159. The Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg shall have the right to enlarge, construct, alter and improve the water works system of the city of Frostburg, with the power from time to time to contract for, purchase, lease and hold in fee simple, or for a term of years, any land, real estate, spring, brook, water and water course, and also the right to use and occupy forever, or for a term of years, any land, real estate, spring, brook or water course, which they may deem expedient and necessary for the purpose of conveying water into said city for the use of said city, and for the health and convenience of the inhabitants thereof, and also the right to enter, pass through, from time to time, as occasion may require, and to use and occupy the said lands through which they may deem it necessary to convey said water, and they are hereby invested with all the rights and powers necessary for the introduction of said water into said city.

Improvement
of water
works and
rents.

ACQUIRING PROPERTY FOR WATER WORKS.

160. And the said Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg are hereby authorized to agree for the purchase, lease and rental thereof with the owners of any land, real estate,

Acquiring
property for
water works.