

authorized to purchase, agree and contract with the owner or owners of any land which they may deem expedient or proper to purchase and hold for the purpose of establishing a public park or parks or adding to or improving any land now held for park purposes in the city of Frostburg or adjacent thereto in Allegany county, Maryland.

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#### POWER OF CONDEMNATION FOR PARK PURPOSES.

164. That if the said Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg cannot agree, or if there be any incapacity or inability to contract with the owner or owners of said land or real estate which they may deem necessary or proper for the establishing of a public park in or near the city of Frostburg in Allegany county, or if such owner or owners shall be absent, out of the State or unknown, or without legal capacity to contract by reason of infancy, coverture or otherwise, it shall be lawful for the Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg to secure by condemnation any lands or real estate which they may deem necessary or proper for the purpose aforesaid, in the same manner and by the same proceedings as is now provided for condemnation by corporations under Article 23, Sections 248 to 252, inclusive, of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland.

Power of condemnation for park purposes.

#### LAYING OUT, OPENING AND EXTENDING STREETS.

165. The Mayor and Councilmen shall have the power to provide for the laying out, opening, extending, widening, straightening, or re-locating of any street or alley, or parts thereof within the city, which in their opinion the public welfare or convenience may require; to provide for ascertaining whether any and what amount in damage of value will be caused thereby, for which the owner or possessor of any property, through which said street or alley may pass, ought to be compensated by the appointment of commissioners to assess the same; to provide for assessing or levying, either generally on the whole or assessable property of the city, or specially on the property of the persons benefited, the whole or any part of the damages or expenses which will be incurred in laying out, opening and extending, widening, straightening or re-locating such street or alley, or parts thereof, and grading the same; to provide for collecting and paying the compensation awarded any person before any such street or alley or part thereof shall be laid out, opened,

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