

pensation for their services as the Burgess and Commissioners shall deem proper, to be fixed at the date of their appointment. All money in the hands of the retiring treasurer shall be paid to his successor and the retiring tax collector shall collect the taxes due from the term of his appointment and pay the same to the treasurer, except when such collector shall have been dismissed for cause, when the duties of his position shall devolve upon his successor. Any tax collector or treasurer violating any provision of this section shall be liable to indictment in the Circuit Court for Washington County, and upon conviction be fined or imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the Court. All proceedings for the collection by law of taxes in arrears shall be brought in the name of the collector, as "collector of taxes to the Burgess and Commissioners of Sharpsburg," and he may collect such taxes by distraint, execution, action in debt, attachment, or any process permitted in Maryland for the collection of debts; all judgments obtained under this section shall recite that they are for taxes in arrears levied by the Burgess and Commissioners of Sharpsburg for the year or years mentioned therein, and when duly recorded by the clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington County, shall have priority over all other liens on the property upon which said tax was levied, except those of the State of Maryland or Washington county; and the provisions of this section shall apply to all taxes now due or that may hereafter be levied by the Burgess and Commissioners. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the justice of the peace in any case arising under this section may appeal from the judgment at any time within thirty days from its rendition. Taxes shall be in arrears on and after the first day of January next succeeding their levy.

SEC. 13. The Burgess and Commissioners shall have power to pass all ordinances necessary, in their judgment, for the good government of the town and to secure the safety thereof and its inhabitants; to prevent, remove and abate all nuisances or obstructions in or upon the streets, highways, lanes, alleys, drains, water-courses, or in or upon any lot or lots adjacent thereto; to provide for imposing fine or fines upon any person or corporation causing or maintaining any such nuisance or obstruction; to repair or remove, or cause to be repaired or removed, at the cost of the owner, any house, structure or object that may be dangerous to persons passing along or over any highway of the town, or that may be peculiarly liable to take fire; to make and establish grades upon the streets, alleys

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