

69. The Board of Fire Commissioners shall be the head of the first sub-department of Public Safety, and shall consist of a Board of three persons appointed by the Mayor in the manner prescribed in section 25 of this Article, and hold their offices as therein provided, and they shall have control, regulation and supervision of the Fire Department and matters relating to the same, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by ordinances not inconsistent with this Article. One of said three persons shall be designated by the Mayor as the President of said Board. Each member of said Board shall be paid a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly. They shall have power to appoint all subordinates in their sub-department, and fix their compensation, not, however, to exceed in number of employees or aggregate amount of compensation the limits fixed by ordinance.

70. The Board of Fire Commissioners of the City of Baltimore may retire from office in the Fire Department any permanent or call member thereof who has become permanently disabled while in the actual performance of duty, or who has performed faithful service in the department for a period of not less than twenty consecutive years, or who may become unable to perform further service by reason of age or other physical or mental disabilities, and place the member so retired upon a pension roll. And said Board may also provide for the relief of the widows and children of firemen who may be killed in the discharge of duty. The amount of such annual pension to be allowed by said Board of Fire Commissioners to each pensioner shall be equal to one-half the yearly amount then being received by him, for service in said department at the time of such retirement, per annum, payable in monthly installments.

71. The Commissioner of Health shall be the head of the second sub-department of Public Safety. He shall be appointed by the Mayor, in the mode prescribed in section 25 of this Article, and hold his office as therein provided. It shall be his duty to cause all ordinances now in existence or which may hereafter be enacted for the preservation of the health of the City of Baltimore, not inconsistent with this Article, to be faithfully executed and strictly observed; and all power and au-