

25 of this Article, and hold his office as therein provided. He shall be charged with the duty of cleaning the streets, as well as the cleaning of the sewers, subject as to the latter to the direction and orders of the City Engineer; and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by ordinances not inconsistent with this Article. He shall be paid a salary of two thousand five hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly. The Commissioner may appoint such subordinates as his department shall require, and fix their compensation, not to exceed in the aggregate the amount appropriated by ordinance.

*Department of Public Improvements.*

84. There shall be a Department of Public Improvements of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, which shall consist of the City Engineer, Water Board, Harbor Board and Inspector of Buildings. The head of said department shall be a Board of Public Improvements, composed of the City Engineer, who shall be President of said Board, the President of the Water Board, the President of the Harbor Board, and the Inspector of Buildings. This Board shall be for consultation and advice, it shall have no power to direct or control the duties or the work of any sub-department under this department. It shall perform such other duties as may be required of it by ordinances not inconsistent with this Article. Until the organization of said Board of Public Improvements by the Mayor first elected under the provisions of this Article, as provided in section 25 of said Article, the City Commissioner, Engineer of the Water Board, Engineer of the Harbor Board and Inspector of Buildings, shall compose a Board to perform all the duties required of the said Board of Public Improvements by the provisions of this Article.

85. When any ordinance for a public improvement, not included in the ordinance of estimates furnished by the Board of Estimates under the provisions of this Article, exceeding in cost the sum of two thousand dollars has passed its first reading in the Branch of the City Council in which it originates, it shall be referred to the Board of Public Improvements for an opinion, in writing, as to its advisability and whether the wants