

alleys and highways of the town, and to levy taxes for the payment of any expense incident to any contract.

SEC. 295G. The said Burgess and Commissioners are authorized to enter into any contract with any person or persons, corporation or corporations, for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of said town with water for domestic purposes, and to regulate the price to be charged therefor, as also to contract with any person or persons, corporation or corporations, for supplying the town with water for protection against fire, and to levy taxes for the payment of any expense incident to any contract for water for protection against fire.

SEC. 295H. That the said Burgess and Commissioners be and are hereby vested with the power and authority to grant the use of the streets, highways and alleys of the town and to regulate the use of the same in the laying of any water pipes or the erection of any equipment for lighting within the town.

SEC. 295I. That all ordinances heretofore passed by the said Burgess and Commissioners and now in force and not in conflict with the sub-title of this article, are continued in force until the same are repealed or modified.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 6, 1908.

CHAPTER 394.

AN ACT to encourage the development of manufacturers and manufacturing industries in Hagerstown and in other parts of Washington county, and to provide for the exemption of certain manufacturing establishments from municipal and county taxation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That in order to encourage the growth and development of manufacturing industries in Hagerstown and other parts of Washington county, the County Commissioners of said county are hereby authorized and empowered to exempt from county taxation, for a term of not exceeding five years, from the eighth day of April, 1907, manufacturing industries and establishments that shall be hereafter located in said county, or which shall have been located in said county since the eighth day of April, 1907, and which shall employ regularly not less than twenty-five hands; the said County Commissioners to determine what manufacturing industries and establishments are within the meaning and purpose of this Act.