

Council may direct, then and in such case the obligation to be void, but otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law. And the tax collector shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by ordinance for the services rendered in collecting the taxes under the annual levy; or if the Mayor and Council shall pass no ordinance fixing the amount of his compensation, he shall receive such compensation or commission as the Mayor and Council may appoint, by order noted in the minute book at or about the time of his appointment; and in the absence of any such ordinance or note in the minute book, he shall receive a commission of four per cent. on all sums collected. Any tax collector appointed by virtue of this Act is hereby authorized and empowered if so directed by the Mayor and City Council to collect in the manner herein provided all taxes in arrears that may have been legally levied during the term of office of any of his predecessors, unless the same shall have been barred by limitation.

42. Besides the power and authority conferred upon the Mayor and Council in the other sections of this sub-title of this article, the Mayor and Council shall have power and authority to make such by-laws and in conformity with this charter as they may deem necessary for the good government of said town, for the following purposes, to wit: (1) To promote and preserve the health of the town and the people thereof, and to protect and safeguard the town generally and every section thereof, and to protect and safeguard the property belonging to the town as a corporate body as well as the property of the residents thereof, and also to protect and safeguard persons who are non-residents, and the property of such non-residents while they or their property are within said town. (2) To forbid and prevent or remove and abate all nuisances and to define and describe what shall be a nuisance, and to declare any existing thing within said town to be a nuisance which prejudices or is liable to prejudice the health of the people thereof, or of any considerable number of the same, and to prescribe and appoint means for removing any nuisance, and to enforce the use of such means, and to prescribe penalties for a refusal or failure to remove any nuisance after the Mayor and Council have ordered the removal thereof. (3) To open, build or construct and to enclose or keep open, and to regulate and to keep in repair all necessary and useful drains and sewers, and to demand and obtain for the policeman, employes, workmen and laborers in the service of the town the right to enter any private property and premises for the purpose of improving the condition of any such drain or sewers; for opening the same when they become closed or obstructed; to rebuild or repair them when