

wise, of the streets, alleys and highways of the town, and to levy taxes for the payment of any debt or obligation incurred by or under any such contract or contracts; and said Burgess and Commissioners are hereby further authorized and to grant the use of the streets, alleys and highways of said town and to regulate the use of the same in the erection of any equipment for such lighting of the town, as well as to grant the use of the streets, alleys and highways of said town to any person or persons, corporation or corporations, for the purpose of securing lighting and power for domestic and manufacturing purposes, and to regulate the use of the same in the erection of any equipment for such lighting or furnishing of power for domestic or manufacturing purposes, and to regulate the price to be charged for light or power so furnished; provided, said grant, franchise or contract be ratified by the qualified voters of said town as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 295G. The said Burgess and Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered 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 well as 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 debt or obligation incurred by or under any such contract or contracts; and the said Burgess and Commissioners are hereby further authorized and empowered to grant the use of the streets, alleys and highways of said town and to regulate the use of the same in the erection of any equipment and in the laying of any water pipes for said purposes; provided said grant, franchise or contract be ratified by the qualified voters of said town as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 295H. *And be it further enacted*, That no grant, franchise or contract entered into or made under any of the three preceding sections shall be binding or of any force until after the same shall have been ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of said town, voting at an election to be held not less than twenty nor more than sixty days from the date of any such grant, franchise or contract, notice of which election shall be given and of the purpose thereof, for at least ten days prior to the date of holding such election, by publication in one or more newspapers published in Washington County, Maryland; such election shall be by ballot, and the ticket at such election shall be marked "For Proposed Proposition" and "Against Proposed Proposition," and if at any such election the number of ballots cast marked "For Proposed Proposition" shall exceed the num-