

same clean and free from snow and ice and other obstructions; to regulate and prevent the throwing or depositing of sweepings, dust, ashes, dirt, garbage, paper or any other material into any street, sidewalk, alley, or other public place; to regulate, license, tax, restrain or prohibit theatrical or all other exhibits, shows, or entertainments for which money is demanded or received or to which an admission is charged; to license, tax, regulate or prohibit the keeping or harboring of dogs; to license, tax and regulate all inns, taverns, livery or sale stables, hotels, restaurants or other places used or kept for public entertainment.

SEC. 184-A 11. The Mayor and Council shall not borrow money, nor incur debts, nor issue bills or other securities of a commercial character in excess in any one year, of the receipts from the last annual levy, unless authorized to do so by Act of the General Assembly of Maryland for some special purpose.

SEC. 184-A 12. The Mayor and Council shall have power to grant franchises for the institution and erection of lighting plants, either of electricity or gas, or other substance, with the privilege of distributing the same by proper pipes and wires or other means, and shall also have the power to grant franchises for the institution of a system of water supply and for any other public utilities necessary or advantageous for the good of the Town of Midland. Any franchises granted by the said Mayor and Council shall not exceed in duration twenty years, and shall be subject to such qualifications and conditions as the Mayor and Council may impose in said franchises; provided, always, that at the expiration of any franchises granted by the Mayor and Council, the Mayor and Council shall have the right to purchase the physical property connected therewith and all belongings essential to the proper operation of the utility at a cost not to exceed the cost of construction or duplication of the same, plus ten per cent.; said cost or value shall be determined by arbitrators, two of whom shall be selected by the Mayor and Council of Midland and two of whom shall be selected by the grantee or owner of said franchise, and in case the four arbitrators so selected shall be unable to agree, the said four arbitrators shall select a fifth arbitrator and the award of a majority of the five arbitrators so selected shall be binding on both parties, and any franchises granted by the Mayor and Council of Midland shall be construed in law and in equity to contain and to be accepted upon the above conditions. The said Mayor and Council may renew any franchises