

pass all ordinances necessary for the good government of said city.

68. The Commissioners of Ellicott City may acquire by deed, will or in any other manner any land lying within the corporate limits of Ellicott City for the purpose of creating a public park or parks, and may appropriate such funds as they may, in their discretion, deem proper for the laying out, construction and permanent maintenance of such public park or parks.

69. Any person who shall wilfully or maliciously injure, disfigure or destroy any monument erected in any public park or parks within the corporate limits of Ellicott City, or take and carry away any growing tree therefrom, or destroy any vine, plant, shrubbery, root, vegetable, or fencing shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; and, after presentment and indictment by the Grand Jury for Howard County, and conviction thereof in the Circuit Court for Howard County, shall, in the discretion of said Court, be imprisoned in the Maryland House of Correction for a period not exceeding three years, or be fined not more than One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars, or both fined and imprisoned as aforesaid.

70. They may grade and pave streets and lay flagstones across the same and require the owners of lots, in front of which such grading and paving are to be done, to do the same at their own expense. They may also contract for the lighting of the avenues, streets, lanes and alleys of said city, either by electricity or otherwise, and they shall also have the authority to contract with some responsible Company, Corporation, person or persons for a water supply for said city, and may grant permission to any such Company, corporation, person or persons to lay pipes in the bed of the avenues, streets, lanes, and alleys of said city, at the expense and liability of said company, corporation, person or persons for all damages to the avenues, streets, lanes and alleys, persons, or private property done in laying such pipes, provided that no contract made in pursuance of this Section shall be made to bind or be binding upon the Commissioners of Ellicott City for a longer period than twelve years.

71. If any owner of any lot shall neglect to pave the sidewalk and street in front of the same for the space of two months after notice to pave the same has been given by the President of the Commissioners of Ellicott City, the Commissioners aforesaid may direct their President to cause the same to be done, and the