

SEC. 8. The Mayor and Common Council of Sykesville shall have full power to provide for the introduction of water, electric light or gas into said town, and to effectuate such object may grant to or contract with any other corporate body, public or private, or any individual or partnership, the right or franchise within the limits of said town for the purpose of operating a passenger railway, water works or electric light or gas plant, the granting of such franchise to be regulated by the ordinances of the Mayor and Common Council; and also may grant the right to lay conduits, gas or water mains through the streets, alleys or highways of said town, and authority is hereby given to said Mayor and Common Council to condemn private property, if the same should become necessary for the operation of the aforesaid franchises; said condemnation proceedings to be in accordance with the General Laws of the State of Maryland as are in such cases applicable thereto; and also to construct, purchase and operate an electric light plant or water or gas works for the benefit of the said town whenever, in their judgment, the interests of the town demand the same, and to contract or provide for the furnishing or supplying of water, electric light or gas in sufficient quantities for the needs of the town and the inhabitants of the said town and of its vicinity by any body corporate, public or private, or by any individual or individuals; and in order to carry out and effectuate such objects, it shall have the power to erect, maintain and equip electric light poles and lines, and to lay gas and water mains and conduits, erect fire plugs, and, generally, to do all things that may be necessary or desirable to provide gas and electricity and water in such quantity and at such places as may be necessary to protect the said town at all times against fire; and for all and any of the aforesaid purposes, and in all cases the same may be necessary, to acquire by condemnation in the manner now prescribed under the General Laws of the State of Maryland, or that may hereafter be so prescribed, any private property whatsoever; and they shall have full power and authority to supply such water, gas, electric light or power not only within the corporate limits of the town of Sykesville, but also outside of the corporate limits of the said town, in the discretion of the said Mayor and Common Council, and under such terms and conditions as they may prescribe; and they shall have power to pass such ordinances as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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