

twenty-five years of age, to be Treasurer of the City of Havre de Grace, and who shall hold office for one year from the date of his appointment and until the qualification of his successor.

Before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office, the said Treasurer shall take and subscribe before some Justice of the Peace of Harford County the oath prescribed in Section 6 of Article 1 of the Constitution of this State, and shall execute a bond to the State of Maryland in the penalty of twenty-five thousand dollars, to be approved by the Mayor with the condition that if the above bound shall well and faithfully execute his office, and shall account to the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace for, and pay into the Treasury of, said City or to his successor in office, the several sums of money, bonds, securities or other property which he shall receive for the City or be answerable for by law, at such times as the law shall direct, then such obligation shall be void; and the Mayor is authorized to approve as surety upon said bond a guarantee company, and the premium for said bond, if any, shall be paid out of the City Treasury.

In case the person appointed Treasurer shall fail to execute the bond required by this Section within twenty days after the date of his appointment, or in the event of the Treasurer's removal from the city, death, resignation or removal from office, the Mayor shall at once proceed to make a new appointment to fill the vacancy thereby occasioned.

The Treasurer shall take charge of and safely keep all monies, bonds, notes and other securities belonging to said city, and shall pay all claims against said city upon the order of the Mayor and City Council, but he shall not pay any claims against said city, no matter by whom held without first deducting from the amount of such claim all and every sum or sums due or owing to said city for taxes, or otherwise, by the original holder of such claim or by the assignees thereof, and no assignee of such claim shall avoid such deduction, but shall always be regarded as charged with notice of the City's right to make such deduction. He shall, as often as he is called upon to do so, make a written statement to the Mayor and City Council of the financial condition of the city. He shall not pay out any funds belonging to the city except upon orders passed in session by the Mayor and City Council, and countersigned by the Mayor and City Clerk.

The Treasurer shall be the collector of all taxes which may be levied by the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace, and shall receive and be the custodian of all monies which may