

ordinances by reasonable fines and penalties; it may recover said fines and penalties by action of debt. And in addition thereto the Mayor sitting as a judge may order the confinement of the parties or party convicted of violating any such ordinance and failing to pay such fine or penalty, until said fine or penalty shall be paid, not exceeding fifteen days in the town lock-up, if any be provided, or in the county jail, and the sheriff of Prince George's County shall receive and confine any person so committed. Said Council shall also have the power to fix the compensation of the treasurer of said town.

#### OATH OF OFFICE.

SECTION 9. *And be it further enacted,* That every officer of said town, whether elected or appointed, shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, make oath that he will diligently and faithfully, without favor, affection or partiality, execute the duties of his office. The elective officers of said town shall make such oath before any Justice of the Peace or Notary Public of Prince George's County, and the appointive officers before the Mayor and Common Council of said town, each of whom shall have the power to administer oaths within said town. The certificate of said oath shall be filed with either the Mayor or the Clerk of said Council.

#### BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

SECTION 10. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be appointed by the Mayor and Common Council three assessors, who shall constitute the Board of Assessors and shall serve six years, except that the first board so appointed shall have one member appointed for two years, one member appointed for four years and one member appointed for six years, and thereafter one assessor shall be appointed every two years to serve six years. Said assessors shall possess the qualifications required of the Mayor of said town. The said Board of Assessors shall every three years on the first day of June make up a list of all assessable real property, and transmit the same to the Mayor and Common Council. The said Mayor and Common Council shall as soon thereafter as may be practical fix the annual rate of said town, based upon the return of said assessors. Before said assessment shall be valid or such taxes become