

construction of the same; to pass ordinances for the preservation of order and securing property and persons from violence; to establish a building line for the erection of buildings on the streets, lanes and thoroughfares of said City; to regulate the numbering of houses, lots, streets and avenues, and the naming of streets, avenues and public places; to regulate the use of the sidewalks for the use of signs, sign posts, awnings, posts, horsetroughs, telegraph, telephone, electric light and trolley wire poles, telegraph, telephone, electric light and trolley wires; and to impose an annual tax on each and every of said telegraph and telephone, electric light poles not exceeding one (1) dollar per pole per year; to require the occupants of property within said City limits to remove snow from the sidewalks in front of their respective properties; to regulate the speed of automobiles and other motor vehicles within said City limits; and generally to pass all ordinances necessary for the good government of said city. The Commissioners of Ellicott City shall further have the power to enact all laws or ordinances necessary for the installation, distribution and protection of any water supply hereafter built, installed or purchased.

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 beds 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. They may also, in their discretion, purchase any existing water plant from any company, corporation, person or persons; and they may also purchase electric current from any corporation, company, person or persons for the purpose of lighting the streets of said City and for sale to private consumers in said City and vi-