

and alleys thereof; they may erect or purchase any plant for the supplying of gas, water or electricity to the city and its inhabitants for public or private uses, and may operate the same; they shall have the power to construct and maintain or contract for the construction of sewers or a general system of sewers for the city.

Provided, however, that before the said Mayor and City Council shall proceed to erect or purchase any plant for the supplying of gas, water or electricity to the city or its inhabitants, and before authorizing the construction of any general system or systems of sewers, they shall first submit said proposition or propositions to the legally qualified voters of said city at a special or general election to be held after at least twenty days' previous notice thereof. And if at said election a majority of said voters shall approve any such proposition or propositions, the said Mayor and City Council shall thereupon proceed to carry the same into effect. But if a majority of said voters shall disapprove of any such proposition or propositions, then said Mayor and City Council shall abandon the same. And no such proposition shall again be submitted to the popular vote until at least six months have elapsed from the date of the election at which said proposition was disapproved.

No use shall be made of the streets of said city by any individual or corporation for the purpose of a railroad, tramway, telegraph line, telephone line, electric light or power lines, electric subways or gas or water conduits or pipe lines without the consent of the Mayor and City Council, and subject to such franchise tax and regulations as they may by ordinance prescribe.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is an emergency Act and necessary for the immediate preservation of the health and safety of the people of the State of Maryland, and three-fifths of the members of each House having concurred therein, said Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 9, 1924.